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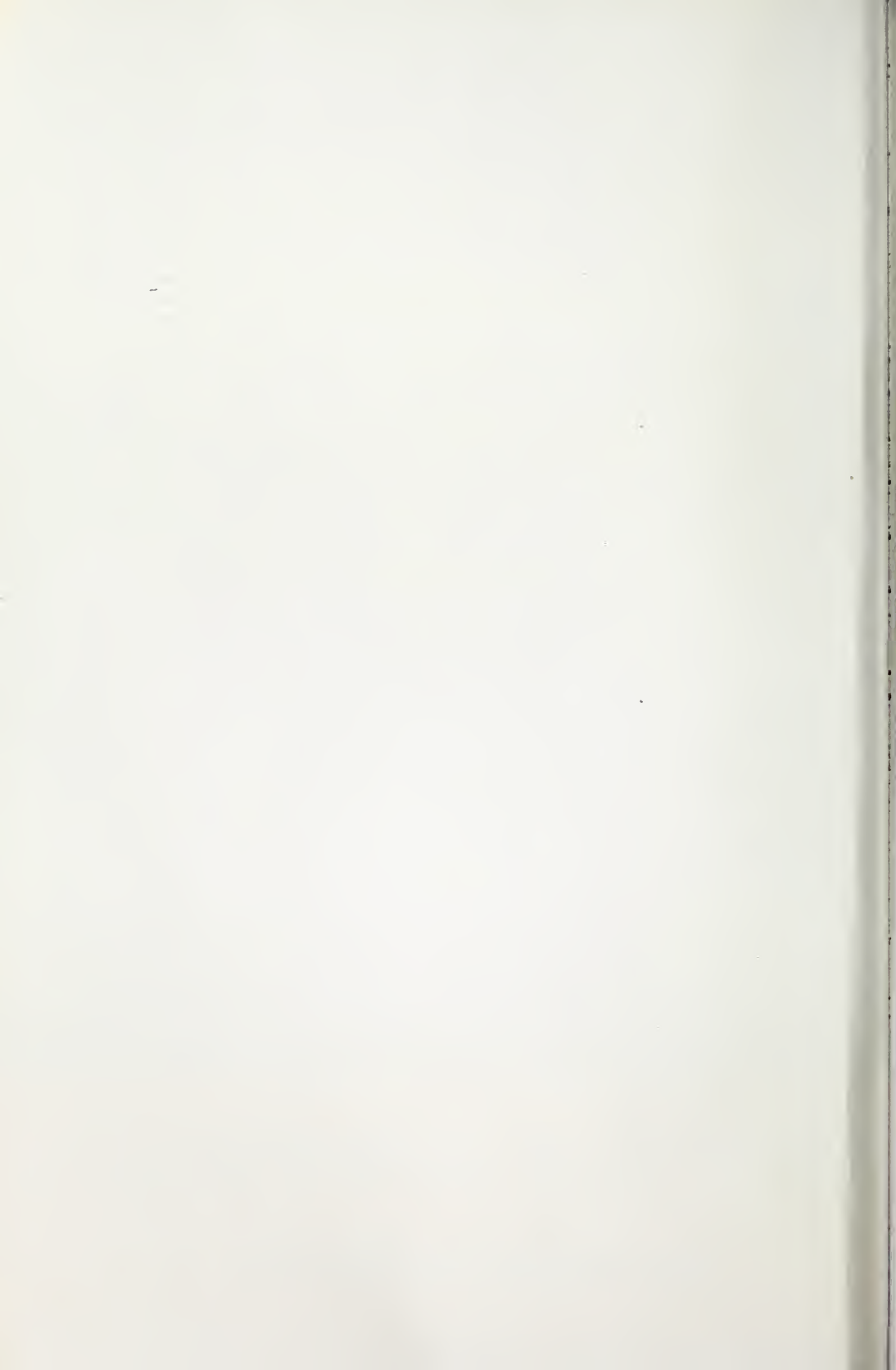


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## TOWN of ASHFIELD MASSACHUSETTS





Annual Report  
OF THE  
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES  
Of The Town Of  
**ASHFIELD**  
MASSACHUSETTS  
For The Year Ending  
**1978**

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**U.S. SENATORS**

**PAUL TSONGAS**

**EDWARD M. KENNEDY**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

**SILVIO O. CONTE, PITTSFIELD**

**STATE SENATOR**

**JOHN W. OLVER, AMHERST**

**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

**JONATHAN L. HEALY, CHARLEMONT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JOHN F. BASSETT, TURNERS FALLS**

**MARGARET H. HERLIHY, GREENFIELD**

**EVERETT B. HATCH, GREENFIELD**



# TOWN OFFICERS

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday at the Town Office. Time Schedule is as follows:

Monday Afternoons:	1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	Nov. 1 through April 30
Monday Evenings	7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.	May 1 through Oct. 31

## **MODERATOR**

LINWOOD B. LESURE

## **AUDITOR**

JOHN L. PARKER

1 yr. Terms

## **CLERK**

ELEANOR M. WARD

## **TREASURER**

PATRICIA C. FARRELL

## **TREE WARDEN**

RAMON R. SEARS

## **TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. Term**

JANE E. WARD

Term expires 1979

## **SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. Term**

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

Term expires 1979

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1980

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1981

## **ASSESSORS 3 yr. Term**

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1979

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1980

WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER

Term expires 1981

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE Appointment**

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

Term expires 1979

EDWARD L. SCOTT

Term expires 1979

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1979

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1979

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1979

WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER

Term expires 1979

**SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term**

BARBARA V. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1979
PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR.	Term expires 1980
M. DIANNE MULLER	Term expires 1981

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term**

ROBERT ROBERTSON	Term expires 1980
PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR.	Representative 1978

**CONSTABLES 3 yr. Term**

WARREN KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1980
JOHN A. LABELLE	Term expires 1980
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1980

**PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. Term**

WALTER E. TIRRELL	Term expires 1979
PAUL C. RICE	Term expires 1980
DOUGLAS R. PEASE	Term expires 1981

**PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. Term**

RAYMOND T. CASSIDY	Term expires 1979
PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1980
MARY L. TILLEY	Term expires 1981
EDWARD A. ZAGRUBSKI	Term expires 1982
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN	Term expires 1983

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. Term**

GRACE B. HOWES	Term expires 1979
HOPE PACKARD	Term expires 1980
JAMES L. CRAIG	Term expires 1981
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1982
LYNN W. LESURE	Term expires 1983

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT:

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER	JUNE 1979
MARIANNA T. GRAVES	JUNE 1980
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	JUNE 1981
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc. Member	JUNE 1979
CLAYTON C. CRAFT, Assoc. Member	JUNE 1980

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PHILIP H. STEINMETZ	JUNE 1979
MARY S. LUCAS	JUNE 1979
RUSSELL FESSENDEN	JUNE 1980
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS, JR.	JUNE 1980
LINWOOD B. LESURE	JUNE 1981

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

HARRIET H. PIKE	JUNE 1979
MARIANNA T. GRAVES	JUNE 1980
EDWIN W. DUTCHER	JUNE 1980
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ	JUNE 1981
HELENE S. WALKER	JUNE 1981

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

ROGER S. HARRIS	JUNE 1979
NATHANIEL D. SMITH (Resigned) THOMAS S. LEUE (Appointed)	JUNE 1980
ALBERT L. PIEROPAN	JUNE 1980
CLAYTON C. CRAFT (Resigned) MARTIN E. CORNMAN (Appointed)	JUNE 1981
RICHARD M. CHANDLER	JUNE 1981

### **BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

JOANNE H. OSTROWSKI	JUNE 1979
ALDEN J. GRAY	JUNE 1980
PHYLLIS E. GRAVES	JUNE 1981
HELEN E. DOYLE	JUNE 1982
NATHANIEL D. SMITH	JUNE 1983

### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

ANGELINA M. O'DONNELL	RALPH S. PEASE
JUNE E. FITZGERALD	ELEANOR M. WARD

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

### **FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN**

ROBERT E. VAN DERSTINE

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

EDWARD D. CRAFTS

### **PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

RICHARD E. OUMETTE

### **INSPECTOR OF WIRES**

DOUGLAS H. NYE

### **INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

THEODORE BOBETSKY

### **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

RALPH W. GRAVES

### **SURINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

ARTHUR P. SILVESTER



**VETERAN'S AGENT**  
EDWARD P. RUSSELL

**BURIAL AGENT**  
NORMAN PIKE

**DOG OFFICER**  
STEPHEN W. GREENMAN

**FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE**  
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN  
-MAY, 1982

**FIELD DRIVERS & POUND KEEPERS**  
MALCOLM S. CLARK                      MERTON E. HOWES

**SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER**  
DONALD S. GRAVES                      DONALD A. BURNETT

**FENCE VIEWERS**  
CHARLES C. GRAY                      RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The years seem to get busier as they go by and 1978 was no exception. After one year of service as Ambulance Director, John LaBelle found it necessary to resign due to business pressures necessitating another search. We finally persuaded Nat Smith and Beverly Duncan to accept the task and everything seems to be running very harmoniously for which we are very thankful. We wish to express our appreciation to them as well as to thank John & Beverly LaBelle for the year they spent laying the groundwork for the present setup.

Eleven building permits were issued for new homes. Ashfield seems to have a nice steady growth pattern which shouldn't overload any system such as schools, roads, etc. Eighteen permits were issued for septic systems and duly inspected.

The last section of Bear Swamp Road from Hawley Road past the upper reservoir was finished. A start was made on the section of Hawley Road from Apple Valley Road to Barnell's driveway. A portion of Creamery Road from the South Ashfield intersection was started. This coming year we intend to finish that project on Creamery Road and do another section of upper Hawley Road. Early last summer we were notified by the State D. P. W. that West Road qualified for Federal Funds to complete the section presently under construction. We applied for these funds and held off construction on this project awaiting notification from the state. So far nothing definite has been received but one stipulation of this contract is that the project has to be all completed within one year.

Last year we said the sewerage treatment question was like a "soap opera". We could put the same paragraph in this year as nothing concrete has happened and we are still waiting for all the various state and federal agencies to approve the site for the community septic system. Maybe next year . . . . .

Again we wish to thank all the department heads for handling everything so well. We feel Ashfield has a greater degree of cooperative spirit between all departments than any town around which makes a much smoother operation for all concerned.

Selectmen of Ashfield

EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS  
RALPH L. HOWES



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### FINAL SIX MONTHS - FISCAL 1978

January 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978

#### AMBULANCE FUND

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	3,671.81
Deposited in Ambulance Savings Account	\$	1,500.00	
Transferred to Ambulance Radio Account	800.00	-	2,300.00
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		\$	1,371.81
Ambulance repairs	\$	31.88	
Telephone		411.24	
Radio repairs		18.00	
Postage		4.99	
Merriam Graves—oxygen		21.60	
Supplies		124.00	
Uniforms		13.50	
Tires—ambulance		86.00	- 711.22
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	660.59

#### AMBULANCE RADIO

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	2,400.00
General Electric—Ambulance radio	\$	1,600.00	- 1,600.00
			-----
Returned \$ 400.00 to General Fund		\$	800.00
Returned \$ 400.00 to Ambulance Fund			-----

#### ASSESSOR'S EXPENSES

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	1,147.21
Transferred from Dump Account (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)			500.00
			-----
		\$	1,647.21
Typing & secretarial	\$	1,223.95	
Mileage & expense		133.88	
Supplies & postage		13.21	
Registry of Deeds		65.25	
Dues		21.00	
Printed forms		57.16	- 1,514.45
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Balance to Free Cash		\$	132.76

**BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 3,500.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$ 3,500.00	-----

**BONDS**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		48.00
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		\$ 548.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 548.00	-----

**CHAPTER 356 - CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION  
1978 FISCAL YEAR**

Appropriation from Free Cash (Special Meeting, 3-15-78)		\$ 35,251.00
Balance forward		\$ 35,251.00

**GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 12,598.90
Transferred from Reserve Fund		8.09
		-----
		\$ 12,606.99
Payroll	\$ 12,276.08	
Warner Bros. —stone	190.69	
Trew Corp. —stone	73.26	
Bill Willard, Inc. —stone	66.96	
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	\$ 12,606.99	-----

**CHAPTER 765 - CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION  
1978 FISCAL YEAR .BEAR SWAMP ROAD**

Appropriation from Free Cash (Special Meeting, 3-15-78)		\$ 5,000.00
Payroll	\$ 4,146.00	4,146.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 854.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 100.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 100.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 225.00
Mildred Reniff, Director	\$ 225.00	-----

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	75.10
Transferred from Reserve Fund			4.90
			-----
		\$	80.00
Seminar expenses	\$	40.00	
Dues		40.00	
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	\$	80.00	-----

### DOG OFFICERS EXPENSES

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	300.00
Transferred to Police Dept. (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)			
	\$	300.00	-----

### DUMP

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	3,890.11
Transferred from Reserve Fund			339.53
			-----
		\$	4,229.64
Transferred to Assessor's Expenses	\$	500.00	
Transferred to Nurse's Account		500.00	1,000.00
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(Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		\$	3,229.64
Salary—Dump attendant	\$	1,755.00	
Supplies		22.64	
Plowing		187.50	
Fill		289.45	
Labor		685.05	
Cutting of trees		140.00	
Rent		150.00	
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	\$	3,229.64	-----

### ELECTIONS

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	300.00
Transferred to Machinery Expense (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)			236.40
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		\$	63.60
Charles Williams	\$	13.25	
Walter Doneilo		13.25	
Robert Van Iderstine		13.25	
Frederick Rice		13.25	

Eleanor Ward	10.60	
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	\$ 63.60	-----

### FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978	\$	1,741.35	
Transferred from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		325.00	
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	\$	2,066.35	
Station phone	\$	100.68	
Fire phone		169.74	
Dues		68.00	
Radio repairs		235.90	
Equipment repairs		137.17	
Supplies		144.71	
New equipment		199.13	
Water		6.75	
Postage		.98	
Travel		1.20	
Payroll		990.00	2,054.26
		-----	-----
Balance to Overlay Surplus	\$		12.09

### FIRE STATION REMODELING - GARAGE ENGINE NO. 2

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978	\$	3,030.91	
Transferred from Reserve Fund		308.94	
		-----	
	\$	3,339.85	
Wiring	\$	383.28	
Carpentry		2,156.57	
Insulation		800.00	
		-----	
	\$	3,339.85	-----

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978	\$	94.00
Balance to General Fund	\$	94.00

### HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978	\$	983.36
Transferred from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		745.80
Transferred from Reserve Fund		112.27
		-----
	\$	1,841.43

Fuel oil	\$	919.50	
Gas		921.93	
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	\$	1,841.43	-----

#### **HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	1,443.10
Expended	\$	1,296.90	1,296.90
			-----
Balance to General Fund		\$	146.20

#### **HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	3,088.60
Expended	\$	378.25	378.25
			-----
Balance forward		\$	2,710.35

#### **HIGHWAY DEPT. - NEW SANDER**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	4,700.00
Tri-County Contractors	\$	4,643.10	4,643.10
			-----
Balance to Free Cash		\$	56.90

#### **INSPECTION OF ANIMALS**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	125.00
Theodore Bobetsky, Inspector	\$	125.00	-----

#### **INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	3,250.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	3,250.00	-----

#### **LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	307.65
Mari Lou Ward, lifeguard	\$	178.37	
Jacqueline Nolan		18.55	196.92
		-----	
Balance to General Fund		\$	110.73

#### **MACHINERY EXPENSE**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	6,958.63
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Regional School	\$	2,289.96	
Transferred from Elections		236.40	



Transferred from Street Lights	200.00	2,726.36
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(Special Meeting, 6-26-1978)		\$ 9,684.99
Transferred from Reserve Fund		44.43
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		\$ 9,729.42
Repairs & parts	\$ 5,463.27	
Supplies	256.63	
Electricity	205.57	
Telephone	117.21	
Tires	693.52	
Carpentry	223.84	
Gasoline & diesel fuel	2,744.88	
Extinguishers	16.50	
Water	8.00	
	-----	
	\$ 9,729.42	-----

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 210.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		39.90
		-----
		\$ 249.90
Veterans' Center—flags	\$ 67.90	
Mohawk Trail Regional School—Band	100.00	
Geraniums	52.00	
American Legion—Poppies	30.00	
	-----	
	\$ 249.90	-----

#### DISTRICT NURSE - ASHFIELD'S SHARE

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 1,727.78
Transferred from Dump Account (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		154.55
		-----
		\$ 2,382.33
Salary—nurse	\$ 1,863.17	
Postage & mileage	294.46	
Supplies	48.95	
Typing	15.75	
Rent—office	160.00	
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	\$ 2,382.33	-----

### OFFICE EXPENSE

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 3,165.29
Transferred from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		400.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		86.59
		-----
		\$ 3,651.88
Postage & envelopes	\$ 380.73	
Advertisements	265.84	
Dues	18.00	
Supplies	185.42	
Typing & secretarial	2,265.00	
Telephone	316.01	
Printed forms	75.38	
Vital statistics	75.00	
Wire inspections	20.00	
Travel expense	8.50	
Insurance on office equipment	42.00	
	-----	
	\$ 3,651.88	-----

### PARKS & BEACH

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 3-15-78)		\$ 2,500.00
Electricity	\$ 173.67	
Ralph Dickinson—mason	725.00	
Planks	60.00	
Supplies & equipment	132.82	
Bisbe Bros.—bath house doors	311.35	
Carpeting—dock	113.67	
Plumbing	141.06	
Signs	185.00	1,842.57
	-----	-----
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 657.43

### POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 6,250.12
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	\$ 6,250.12	-----

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 1,797.72
Transferred from Dog Officers' Expenses (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		300.00
		-----
		\$ 2,097.72

Telephone	\$	320.10	
Cruiser parts & repairs		401.20	
Radios & repairs		587.10	
Supplies		15.17	
Gasoline		11.50	
Cleaning		33.80	
Payroll		238.50	
Typing		170.15	
Dues		10.00	
Insurance		136.80	
Wiring—police station		173.02	2,097.34
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Balance to Free Cash			\$ .38

#### PRINTING TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978			\$ 1,600.00
Old Brassworks Printing Shop—Town Reports	\$	1,319.10	
Old Brassworks Printing Shop—Ballots		73.45	
Girl Scouts—Delivery of 700 Town Reports		70.00	1,462.55
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Balance to General Fund			\$ 137.45

#### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978			\$ 150.00
Ralph Pease	\$	30.00	
June Fitzgerald		30.00	
Angelina O'Donnell		30.00	
Eleanor Ward		60.00	
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	\$	150.00	-----

#### RENT OF HYDRANTS

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978			\$ 111.50
Transferred from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)			239.50
			-----
			\$ 351.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$	351.00	-----

#### ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978			\$ 149,208.98
Expended	\$	149,208.89	149,208.89
			-----
Balance to General Fund			\$ .09

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$ 41,210.13
Transferred to Machinery Expense Account (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)		\$ 2,289.96
		-----
Expended	\$ 38,920.17	\$ 38,920.17
		-----

**UPDATING SEWERAGE — PHASE I**

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 5-18-78)	\$ 6,250.00
Norman Daby	\$ 54.00 54.00
	-----
Balance forward	\$ 6,196.00

**DESIGN OF SEWERAGE WORKS**

<b>AUTHORIZATION</b> to raise by borrowing	
(Special Meeting, 6-10-77)	\$ 60,000.00

**SPECIAL FUELS TAX**

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)	\$ 1,484.30
Balance forward	\$ 1,484.30

**STREET LISTS**

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 3-15-78)	350.00
School Dept. Allotment for School Census	121.90
	-----
	\$ 471.90
Street listers	\$ 246.09
Printing of Street Lists	91.00 337.09
	-----
Balance to Overlay Surplus	\$ 134.81

**STREET LIGHTS**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978	\$ 1,581.53
Transferred to Machinery Expense Account (Special Meeting, 6-26-78)	200.00
	-----
	\$ 1,381.53
Western Mass. Electric	\$ 1,376.18 1,376.18
	-----
Balance to General Fund	\$ 5.35

#### TOWN COUNSEL

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	958.70
Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$	952.22	952.22
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Balance to Free Cash		\$	6.48

#### TOWN HALL

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	992.40
Transferred from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeteing, 6-26-78)	\$	600.00	600.00
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		\$	1,592.40
Electricity	\$	706.00	
Wiring		26.00	
Repairs		58.60	
Janitor		46.00	
Plumbing		485.97	
Supplies		15.94	
Storm windows		100.00	
Water		13.50	
Geraniums		13.40	1,465.41
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Balance to Overlay Surplus		\$	126.99

#### TOWN OFFICERS

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	3,520.00
Russel Loomis, Selectman	\$	250.00	
Edward Scott, Selectman		250.00	
Ralph Howes, Selectman		250.00	
Patricia Farrell, Treasurer		600.00	
Jane Ward, Tax Collector		350.00	
Eleanor Ward, Town Clerk		450.00	
Warren Chase, Assessor		300.00	
William Schreiber, Assessor		300.00	
Malcolm Clark, Assessor		175.00	
Robert VanIlderstine, Fire Chief		20.00	
Linwood Lesure, Moderator		20.00	
John Parker, Auditor		20.00	
Stephen Greenman, Dog Officer		30.00	
Sandra Gallerani, School Committee		37.50	
M. Dianne Muller, School Committee		37.50	
Philip Nolan, Jr., School Committee		75.00	
Barbara Zalenski, School Committee		75.00	
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	\$	3,520.00	<hr/>



### **TREE WARDEN**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	1,141.25
Ramon Sears, Tree Warden	\$	517.50	
Dennis Morin		414.38	
Thomas Smith		72.75	
Trees purchased		77.00	1,081.63
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Balance to Free Cash		\$	59.62

### **VETERANS' BENEFITS**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	1,946.57
Expended	\$	1,051.88	1,051.88
		-----	-----
Balance to General Fund		\$	894.69

### **WINTER ROADS**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	23,542.49
Transferred from Reserve Fund			179.26
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		\$	23,721.75
Payroll	\$	15,657.03	
Gasoline & diesel fuel		2,341.35	
William Whitehouse		2,262.66	
Plow parts		358.80	
Supplies		86.81	
Salt		2,025.10	
C.W. WARD, Inc.		160.00	
Tire chains		830.00	
		-----	-----
	\$	23,721.75	-----

### **WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	3,298.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			713.00
		-----	-----
		\$	4,011.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	4,011.00	-----

### **RESERVE FUND**

Unexpended balance, January 1, 1978		\$	2,235.10
Bonds	\$	48.00	
General Highway Fund		8.09	
Conservation Commission		4.90	
Dump		339.53	

Fire station remodeling	308.94	
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	112.27	
Machinery Expense	44.43	
Memorial Day	39.90	
Nurse	154.55	
Office Expense	86.59	
Winter Roads	179.26	
Workmen's Compensation	713.00	2,039.46
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Balance to Overlay Surplus		\$ 195.64

*SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS*  
January 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978

Ambulance Fund	\$ 711.22
Ambulance Radio	1,600.00
Assessors' Expenses	1,514.45
Belding Memorial Library	3,500.00
Bonds	548.00
Charity	360.38
Dog Officer	66.00
General Highway Fund	12,606.99
Chapter 765—C 90 Construction - Fiscal 1978	4,146.00
Civil Defense Director	225.00
Conservation Commission	80.00
Dump	3,229.64
Elections	63.60
Fires & Equipment	2,054.26
Fire Station remodeling	3,339.85
William Hathaway Fund	20.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	1,841.43
Highway Dept.—Paid Vacations & Holidays	1,296.90
Highway Dept.—Sick Leave	378.25
Highway Dept.—New Sander	4,643.10
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	3,250.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	196.92
Machinery Expense	9,729.42
Memorial Day	249.90
Nurse	2,382.33
Office Expense	3,651.88
Parks & Beach	1,842.57
Police Chief's Salary	6,250.12

Police Department	2,097.34
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,462.55
Registrars of Voters	150.00
Rent of Hydrants	351.00
Schools: Ashfield Public School	149,208.89
Mohawk Trail Regional High School	38,920.17
Updating Sewerage — Phase I	54.00
Street Lists	337.09
Street lights	1,376.18
Tax, Franklin County	16,846.82
Town Counsel	952.22
Town Hall	1,465.41
Town Officers	3,520.00
Veterans' Benefits	1,051.88
Tree Warden	1,081.63
Winter Roads	23,721.75
Workmens' Compensation	4,011.00
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	\$ 316,511.14

Income:

Abatements—Motor Vehicle	310.11
Correction—Motor Vehicle	9.90
Belding Memorial Library—State aid	1,000.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield—Deductions	4,737.94
Demands—Tax Collector	432.00
Dog Licenses—Treasurer, Franklin County	306.10
Franklin County Retirement System—Deductions	3,230.10
Police—Extra Duty	48.00
Real Estate—Overpayments	397.07
Taxes, State Withholding—Deductions	5,448.70
Interest Returned to Accounts:	
M.M. Belding	147.46
Fred Cross Library	267.92
Cemetery Fund	173.92
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TOTAL: \$ 333,020.36

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Edward W. Scott, Chairman

Ralph L. Howes

Russell V. Loomis

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL 1978

	By Taxation	Available Funds
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Totals forward from Annual & Special Meetings through December 31, 1977:	\$ 609,436.57	\$ 124,997.37
<b>Special Meeting, March 15, 1978:</b>		
Parks & Beach—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		2,500.00
Chapter 356, Acts of 1977—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		35,251.00
Chapter 765, Acts of 1972—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		5,000.00
Street Lists—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		350.00
<b>Special Meeting, May 18, 1978:</b>		
Update Sewerage & Wastewater Phase I —		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		6,250.00
<b>Special Meeting, June 26, 1978:</b>		
Assessors' Expenses—		
Transfer from Dump Account		500.00
District Nurse—		
Transfer from Dump Account		500.00
Police Department—		
Transfer from Dog Officers' Expenses		300.00
Machinery Expense Account—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School Account		2,289.96
Transfer from Elections Account		236.40
Transfer from Street Lights Account		200.00
Fires & Equipment—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		325.00
Heating of Town Buildings—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		745.80
Office Expense—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		400.00
Rent of Hydrants—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		239.50
Town Hall—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		600.00

Special Fuels Tax—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		1,484.30

GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 609,436.57	\$ 182,169.33
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A true copy of Appropriations for Fiscal 1978.

ATTEST:

Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk

**FIRST SIX MONTHS—FISCAL 1979**

July 1, 1978—December 31, 1978

**AMBULANCE FUND**

Earnings & Gifts for 1977		\$ 2,057.00
Balance of Ambulance Fund forward, July 1, 1978		660.59

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\$ 2,717.59

Ambulance parts & repairs	\$ 68.47	
Radios	20.00	
Telephone	157.13	
Envelopes & postage	47.57	
Supplies	99.67	
Medical equipment	171.01	
Oxygen	106.10	
Uniforms	13.50	
Insurance	140.00	
CPR Dolls purchased—CPR Special Fund	841.50	1,664.95

Unexpended balance forward	\$ 1,052.64
Ambulance Savings Account	1,500.00

Total of Ambulance Fund @ Dec. 31, 1978	\$ 2,552.64
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**ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Appropriation		\$ 151.46
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 151.46	-----

**ASSESSORS' EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$ 3,860.00
Typing & secretarial	\$ 838.50	
Supplies & postage	234.63	
Mileage & expenses	67.94	
Registry of Deeds	67.25	



Printed forms	63.82	1,272.14
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,587.86

#### **BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$ 2,100.00	2,100.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,400.00

#### **BONDS**

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 500.00

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM**

Appropriation		\$ 2,327.46
Building Inspector Program	\$ 2,327.46	-----

#### **CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES**

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 350.00

#### **CHAPTER 356—CONSTRUCTION**

##### **1978 FISCAL YEAR HAWLEY, BEAR SWAMP & CREAMERY ROADS**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1978		\$ 35,251.00
Appropriation at Annual Town Meeting		12,000.00
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		\$ 47,251.00

Payroll	\$ 8,935.20	
Town of Plainfield	148.00	
William C. Whitehouse	4,094.00	
C.W. Ward, Inc.	471.00	
Al's Shell Service	291.00	
Charles Freadman, Inc.—culverts	6,496.22	
Gravel	1,850.10	
Town Owned equipment	2,411.20	
Warner Bros.—stone	1,307.48	
Bill Willard, Inc.—stone	1,246.62	
All States Asphalt	3,981.74	
Wm. Gray—water pipe repair	30.00	
Cement blocks	113.17	
Hired equipment	188.00	
Catch basins, frames, etc.	480.00	32,043.73
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 15,207.27

**CHAPTER 497 GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND**

Appropriation		\$ 26,000.00
Payroll	\$ 13,695.40	
Town of Plainfield	44.40	
Fill	608.65	
Warner Bros. & Donovan's—black top	1,400.87	
Bill Willard, Inc.—stone	1,482.44	
William C. Whitehouse	1,511.50	
Al's Shell Service	133.00	
C.W. Ward, Inc.	339.00	
All States Asphalt	5,785.19	
Labor	39.75	
Roberts Bros.	37.40	
Charles Freadman, Inc.—culverts	268.01	
Traffic signs	30.16	25,375.77
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 624.23

**CHAPTER 765—CONSTRUCTION****1978 FISCAL YEAR**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1978		\$ 854.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		3.70
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		\$ 857.70
Payroll	\$ 173.10	
Warner Bros.—Bituminous concrete	77.00	
Fill	607.60	
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	\$ 857.70	-----

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1978	\$ 100.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$ 100.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
Mildred Reniff, Director	\$ 150.00 150.00
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Unexpended balance forward	\$ 150.00

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$ 100.00

**DUMP**

Appropriation		\$	5,000.00
Salary—dump attendant	\$	1,840.00	
Supplies		23.10	
Fill		495.95	
Hired equipment		63.00	
Firewood		67.50	2,489.55
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	2,510.45

**ELECTIONS**

Appropriation		\$	500.00
John Graham	\$	50.35	
Norman Pike		46.38	
Philip Steinmetz		43.73	
Russell Fessenden		38.43	
Walter Zalenski		11.93	
John Mott		19.88	
Robert Van Iderstine		27.83	
Charles Williams		30.48	
Walter Doneilo		30.48	
Doris Graham		7.95	
Eleanor Ward		67.58	
Supplies		10.49	385.51
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	114.49

**FIRES & EQUIPMENT**

Appropriation		\$	5,393.00
Station phone	\$	230.23	
Fire phone		375.82	
Radio repairs		277.66	
Truck & equipment repairs		1,072.81	
Supplies		236.66	
Training		90.00	
Postage		9.35	
Travel expense		3.90	
New equipment		948.80	
Insurance		418.03	
Water		6.75	3,697.01
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,695.99

### **PAINTING - FIRE STATION**

Appropriation (Fred Cross Fund)		\$	1,954.00
Gexler Painting Co.	\$	1,954.00	-----

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Dues	\$	6.00	
Conference expenses		11.50	
Mohawk Medical Center - Flu shots		12.00	29.50
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	70.50

### **HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION**

Appropriation		\$	1,800.00
Gas	\$	102.47	
Fuel oil		63.08	165.53
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,634.45

### **HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS**

Appropriation		\$	4,300.00
Expended	\$	3,444.90	3,444.90
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	855.10

### **HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1978		\$	2,710.35
Appropriation			1,500.00
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		\$	4,210.35
Expended	\$	1,096.65	1,096.65
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	3,113.70

### **INSPECTION OF ANIMALS**

Appropriation		\$	125.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$	125.00

### **INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	7,000.00
Massamont Insurance Agency—Fleet Insurance	\$	3,834.50	3,834.50
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	3,165.50

**LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR**

Appropriation		\$	2,300.00
Life guard, Mari Lou Ward	\$	886.25	
Lifeguard, Jacqueline Nolan		17.23	
Aide, Holly Tirrell		116.60	
Aide, Eric Tirrell		82.15	
Aide, Sandra Sears		35.78	1,138.01
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,161.99

**MACHINERY EXPENSE**

Appropriation		\$	10,000.00
Transferred Machinery Earnings (7-1-77 - 6-30-78)			5,429.30
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		\$	15,429.30
Parts & repairs	\$	4,161.00	
Electricity		120.62	
Gas & diesel fuel		4,185.42	
Supplies		430.13	
Motor oil		598.00	
Telephone		101.57	
Tires		46.00	
Water		8.00	
Wiring		50.61	9,701.35
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	5,727.95

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$	300.00

**MENTAL HEALTH & RETARDATION SERVICES**

Appropriation		\$	1,274.00
Franklin-Hampshire Mental Health Board	\$	1,274.00	

**DISTRICT NURSE - ASHFIELD'S SHARE**

Appropriation		\$	4,500.00
Salary-nurse	\$	1,370.94	
Mileage & expenses		264.23	
Supplies & postage		91.74	
Supervisory agency		143.00	1,869.91
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	2,630.09



**OFFICE - CLERICAL**

Appropriation		\$	6,500.00
Expended	\$	3,250.00	3,250.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	3,250.00

**OFFICE EXPENSE**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	1,200.00
Postage & envelopes	\$	119.94	
Advertisements		120.71	
Dues		196.25	
Supplies		32.30	
Wire inspection		5.00	
Telephone		267.81	
Printed forms		12.32	
Travel expense		2.50	
Repairs—office equipment		57.00	
Voters' Lists		158.65	972.48
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	227.52

**PARKS & BEACH**

Unexpended balance forward, July 1, 1978		\$	657.43
Appropriation			1,200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			80.32
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		\$	1,937.75
Lumber for dock	\$	252.90	
Carpentry—dock		1,200.90	
Beach light		39.95	
Telephone		131.03	
Supplies & equipment		50.36	
Electricity		98.76	
Beach sand		163.85	
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	\$	1,937.75	

**PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$	250.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$	250.00

### **POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY**

Appropriation (Revenue Sharing)		\$	12,800.00
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	\$	6,399.90	6,399.90
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	6,400.10

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation (Public Works Employment Act, Title II)	\$	5,086.00
Appropriation		914.00

	\$	6,000.00
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Telephone	\$	229.92
Cruiser parts & repairs		422.17
Radios & repairs		200.23
Supplies		60.53
Cleaning		12.35
Dues		63.00
Typing		254.72
Payroll		794.35
Postage		15.00
Equipment		70.19
Uniforms		335.40
Radar repairs		155.50
Gasoline		2.52
Country Bank		10.00
Printed forms		40.00
		2,665.88
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Unexpended balance forward	\$	3,334.12

### **PRINTING TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS**

Appropriation	\$	1,600.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$	1,600.00

### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Appropriation	\$	200.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$	200.00

### **RENT OF HYDRANTS**

Appropriation	\$	710.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$	351.00
		351.00
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Unexpended balance forward	\$	359.00

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation		\$ 12,243.00
Expended	\$ 6,121.50	6,121.50
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 6,121.50

**ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Appropriation		\$ 287,853.00
Expended	\$ 112,828.26	112,828.26
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 175,024.74

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Appropriation		\$ 211,550.20
Expended	\$ 149,591.17	149,591.17
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 61,959.03

**SEWERAGE UPDATE - PHASE I**

Unexpended balance forward (Overlay Surplus)	\$ 6,196.00
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**DESIGN OF SEWERAGE WORKS**

Authorization to raise by borrowing (Special Meeting, 6-10-77)	\$60,000.00
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**SPECIAL FUELS TAX**

Unexpended balance forward (Overlay Surplus)	\$ 1,484.30
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**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$ 3,000.00
Western Mass. Electric	\$ 1,262.49	1,262.49
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,737.51

**TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		80.65
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		\$ 580.65
Stamps & postage	\$ 162.00	
Supplies	58.50	
Tax bills	350.98	
Advertisements	9.17	
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	\$ 580.65	-----

**TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

Appropriation		\$	1,200.00
Expended	\$	600.00	600.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	600.00

**TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Dues	\$	3.00	
Supplies		5.00	
Telephone		104.39	
Postage & envelopes		43.50	155.88
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	344.12

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$	682.91	682.91
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,317.09

**TOWN HALL**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	2,000.00
Janitor	\$	196.50	
Supplies		17.80	
Electricity		597.42	
Extinguishers		16.00	
Water		13.50	841.22
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,158.78

**TOWN OFFICERS**

Appropriation		\$	6,100.00
Edward Scott, Selectman	\$	250.00	
Russell Loomis, Selectman	\$	250.00	
Ralph Howes, Selectman		250.00	
Warren Chase, Assessor		300.00	
Malcolm Clark, Assessor		300.00	
William Schreiber, Assessor		300.00	
Jane Ward, Tax Collector		350.00	
Patricia Farrell, Treasurer		600.00	
Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief		175.00	
Barbara Zalenski, School Committee		75.00	
M. Dianne Muller, School Committee		75.00	

Philip Nolan, Jr., School Committee	75.00	3,100.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 3,100.00
<b>TREASURER'S EXPENSES</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Stamps & postage	\$ 243.50	
Supplies	7.70	
Burroughs Corp.	12.85	
Dues	15.00	279.05
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 70.95
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Ramon Sears	\$119.00	
Dennis Morin	68.75	187.75
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,312.25
<b>VETERAN'S BENEFITS</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Expended	\$ 743.20	743.20
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,756.80
<b>WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' CENTER - MAINTENANCE</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 1,958.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		206.00
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		\$ 2,164.00
Expended--Veterans' Center	\$ 2,164.00	-----
<b>WINTER ROADS</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 35,000.00
Plow blades	\$ 730.50	
C.W. Ward, Inc.	756.00	
Payroll	10,503.90	
Sand	445.90	
Salt	1,921.50	
Advertisements--Bids	6.55	14,364.35
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 20,635.65



### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$ 4,000.00

### RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Chapter 765, Construction—1978	\$3.70	
Parks & Beach	80.32	
Tax Collector's Expenses	80.65	
Veterans' Center—Maintenance	206.00	370.67
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,129.33

### SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Ambulance Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,664.95
Ashfield Historical Society	151.46
Assessors' Expenses	1,272.14
Belding Memorial Library	2,100.00
Building Inspector Program	2,327.46
Chapter 356—Construction—Fiscal 1978	32,043.73
Chapter 497—General Highway Fund	25,375.77
Chapter 765—Construction —Fiscal 1978	857.70
Charity	258.00
Civil Defense Director	150.00
Commonwealth of Mass.: Motor Vehicle Assessment	216.60
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution	226.74
State Recreation Areas	7,271.39
Dump	2,489.55
Elections	385.51
Fires & Equipment	3,697.01
Fire Station—Painting	1,954.00
Health, Board of	29.50
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	165.55
Highway Dept.—Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,444.90
Highway Dept.—Sick Leave	1,096.65
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	3,834.50
Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor	1,138.01
Machinery Expense	9,701.35
Mental Health & Retardation Services	1,274.00
District Nurse—Ashfield's Share	1,869.91
Office—Clerical	3,250.00

Office Expense	972.48
Parks & Beach	1,937.75
Police Chief's Salary	6,399.90
Police Department	2,665.88
Rent of Hydrants	351.00
Retirement System—Franklin County	6,121.50
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	112,828.26
Mohawk Trail Regional High School	149,591.17
Street Lights	1,262.49
Tax—Franklin County	12,582.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	580.65
Town Clerk's Salary	600.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	155.88
Town Counsel	682.91
Town Hall	841.22
Town Officers	3,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	279.05
Tree Warden	187.75
Veteran's Benefits	743.20
Veterans' Center—Maintenance	2,164.00
Winter Roads	14,364.35

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\$ 426,557.82

**Income:**

Abatements—Motor Vehicles	832.01
Blue Cross, Blue Shield—Deductions	4,094.33
Dog Licenses—Franklin County	210.20
Franklin County Retirement—Withholding	3,117.84
State Taxes—Withholding	5,774.42

**TOTAL:**

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\$ 440,586.62

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Edward W. Scott  
Russell V. Loomis  
Ralph L. Howes

The following is the list of Appropriations made by the Voters of the Town of Ashfield at the Annual Town Meeting, April 1, 1978:

	By Taxation	Available Funds
Ambulance Maintenance Fund—		
Transfer 1977 Earnings & Gifts		2,057.00
Ashfield Historical Society	151.46	
Assessors' Expenses	3,860.00	
Belding Memorial Library (\$259.81 Dog Refund)	4,240.19	259.81
Bonds	500.00	
Building Inspector Program	2,327.46	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00	
Chapter 356	12,000.00	
Chapter 497 General Highway Fund	26,000.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Dump	5,000.00	
Elections	500.00	
Fires & Equipment	5,393.00	
Fire Station — Painting (Frederick Cross Fund)		1,954.00
Health, Board of	100.00	
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	1,800.00	
Highway Dept.-Paid Vacations & Holidays	4,300.00	
Highway Dept.-Sick Leave	1,500.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equip. (Free Cash)		7,000.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor	2,300.00	
Machinery Expense	10,000.00	
Machinery Expense		
Transfer Machinery Earnings @ June 30, 1978		5,429.30
Memorial Day	300.00	
Mental Health & Retardation Services	1,274.00	
Nurse—Ashfield's Share of District	4,500.00	
Office—Clerical (Free Cash)		6,500.00
Office Expense		1,500.00
Parks & Beach	1,200.00	
Planning Board Expenses	250.00	
Police Chief's Salary (Revenue Sharing)		12,800.00
Police Department (\$5,086.00 Title II, Fed. Public Works Emp. Act)	914.00	5,086.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,600.00	

Registrars	200.00	
Rent of Hydrants	710.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)	2,500.00	
Retirement System	12,243.00	
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	287,853.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School	211,550.20	
Street Lights (Free Cash		3,000.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	500.00	
Town Clerk's Expenses	500.00	
Town Clerk's Salary	1,200.00	
Town Counsel	2,000.00	
Town Hall (Free Cash)		2,000.00
Town Officers	6,100.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	350.00	
Tree Warden	2,500.00	
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	1,958.00	
Winter Roads	35,000.00	
Workmen's Compensation	4,000.00	
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TOTALS:	\$ 660,049.31	\$ 50,086.11
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A true copy of Appropriations made for Fiscal 1979.

ATTEST:

Eleanor M. Ward, TOWN CLERK

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1968

Outstanding 12-31-77		108.90
Payment to Treasurer	108.90	
Outstanding 12-31-78	-0-	
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	108.90	108.90

1972

Outstanding 12-31-77		1,334.96
Abated as Uncollectable	393.08	
Payment to Treasurer	303.60	
Outstanding 12-31-78	638.28	
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	1,334.96	1,334.96

1973

Outstanding 12-31-77		4,016.50
Payment to Treasurer	532.77	
Outstanding 12-31-78	3,483.73	
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	4,016.50	4,016.50

1974

Outstanding 12-31-77		4,155.93
Payment to Treasurer	114.13	
Outstanding 12-31-78	4,041.80	
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	4,155.93	4,155.93

1975

Outstanding 12-31-77		6,112.05
Abatements	50.60	
Payment to Treasurer	649.09	
Outstanding 12-31-78	5,412.36	
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	6,112.05	6,112.05



## 1976

Outstanding 12-31-77		6,299.50
Commitment 1978		66.00
Payment to Treasurer	2,674.28	
Outstanding 12-31-78	3,691.22	
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	6,365.50	6,365.50

## 1977

Outstanding 12-31-77		15,673.12
Commitment 1978		4,776.99
Refunded		496.49
Less to be refunded		2.20
Abatements	957.49	
Payment to Treasurer	15,269.69	
Outstanding 12-31-78	4,717.22	
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	20,944.40	20,944.40

## 1978

Commitment 1978		63,120.02
Refunded		645.63
To be refunded		20.90
Abatements	5,056.67	
Payments to Treasurer	37,369.64	
Outstanding 12-31-78	21,360.24	
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	63,786.55	63,786.55

*REAL ESTATE*

## 1974 - 1975

Outstanding 12-31-77		1,062.19
Payment to Treasurer	72.84	
Outstanding 12-31-78	989.35	
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	1,062.19	1,062.19

## 1975 - 1976

Outstanding 12-31-77		7,582.48
Payment to Treasurer	5,879.91	
Outstanding 12-31-78	1,702.57	
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	7,582.48	7,582.48

1976 - 1977

Outstanding 12-31-77		18,732.19
Refunded		206.31
Less to be refunded		206.31
Payment to Treasurer	9,866.15	
Outstanding 12-31-78	8,866.04	
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	18,732.19	18,732.19

1977 - 1978

Outstanding 12-31-77		215,922.60
Commitment 1-78		291.74
Refunded		190.76
Less to be refunded	-	189.06
To be refunded		25.70
Abatement	63.28	
Payment to Treasurer	196,816.59	
Outstanding 12-31-78	19,361.87	
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	216,241.74	216,241.74

1978 - 1979

Commitment		427,326.72
To be refunded		.98
Abatement	4,937.07	
Payment to Treasurer	196,919.70	
Outstanding 12-31-78	225,470.93	
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	427,327.70	427,327.70

*PERSONAL PROPERTY*

1972

Outstanding 12-31-77		221.15
Payment to Treasurer	221.15	
Outstanding 12-31-78	-0-	
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	221.15	221.15

1973

Outstanding 12-31-77		87.60
Payment to Treasurer	87.60	
Outstanding 12-31-78	-0-	
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	87.60	87.60

1974 - Six Months		
Outstanding 12-31-77		508.47
Payment to Treasurer	127.74	
Outstanding 12-31-78	380.73	
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	508.47	508.47
1975 - 1975		
Outstanding 12-31-77		1,293.84
Payment to Treasurer	270.00	
Outstanding 12-31-78	1,023.84	
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	1,293.84	1,293.84
1975 - 1976		
Outstanding 12-31-77		1,546.44
Payment to Treasurer	239.62	
Outstanding 12-31-78	1,306.82	
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	1,546.44	1,546.44
1976 - 1977		
Outstanding 12-31-77		1,358.90
Payment to Treasurer	534.68	
Outstanding 12-31-78	824.22	
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	1,358.90	1,358.90
1977 - 1978		
Outstanding 12-31-77		14,422.27
To be refunded		7.40
Payment to Treasurer	12,995.09	
Outstanding 12-31-78	1,434.58	
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	14,429.67	14,429.67
1978 - 1979		
Commitment		28,529.55
To be refunded		89.08
Abatement	240.10	
Payment to Treasurer	13,808.89	
Outstanding 12-31-78	14,569.64	
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	28,618.63	28,618.63

## *FARM-ANIMAL*

1976

Outstanding	72.95	140.35
Payment to Treasurer	67.40	
Outstanding 12-31-78	67.40	
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	140.35	140.35

1977

Outstanding 12-31-77		598.95
Payment to Treasurer	348.60	
Outstanding 12-31-78	250.35	
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	598.95	598.95

1978

Commitment		3,972.35
Payment to Treasurer	3,451.15	
Outstanding 12-31-78	521.20	
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	3,972.35	3,972.35

Jane E. Ward  
**TAX COLLECTOR**

# Town Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978

<b>Cash Balance December 30, 1977</b>	<b>\$64,163.49</b>
<b>Tax Receipts</b>	
1972 Personal Property	60.19
1973 Personal Property	78.60
1974 Personal Property	117.74
1974-1975 Real Estate	111.80
1974-1975 Personal Property	26.16
1975-1976 Real Estate	2,926.58
1975-1976 Personal Property	301.82
1976-1977 Real Estate	3,567.19
1976-1977 Personal Property	59.55
1977-1978 Real Estate	173,929.52
1977-1978 Personal Property	12,390.89
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>	
Levy of 1972	38.30
Levy of 1973	301.49
Levy of 1974	34.65
Levy of 1975	382.56
Levy of 1976	1,031.42
Levy of 1977	13,551.93
Levy of 1978	20,006.50
<b>FARM ANIMAL EXCISE</b>	
Levy of 1976	72.95
Levy of 1977	576.75
<b>INTEREST</b>	
Real Estate, Personal Property, Farm Animal	734.68
Motor Vehicle Excise	304.08
<b>DEMANDS</b>	167.00
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Veterans Service	741.86
Tuition from other schools	57,053.32
<b>Trust Fund Income</b>	
Library - Fred A. Cross Fund	133.96
M.M. Belding Endowment	147.46
Park - Whiting Street Fund	64.56
M.M. Belding Endowment	147.46
Cemetery Funds	86.96
Interest of Treasurer's Cash No. 8411	937.79



Interest - Series H Bonds	268.77
Country Bank Dividends	17.50
Massachusetts Withholding Tax	5,245.70
County Retirement Deductions	3,294.43
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Deductions	4,140.72
School Lunch Program	
Hot Lunch Receipts	4,760.59
State U.S.D.A. Receipts	4,598.97
Dog Licenses	438.40
Reimbursement for Dog care & kill	66.00
County Dog Refund	259.81
Ambulance	
Memory	1,109.50
Gifts	115.00
Earnings	35.00
CPR Doll Mission	593.95
Public Health Nursing Fees	519.05
Police	
Earnings	48.00
Insurance Reports	35.00
Gun Identification Cards	8.00
Pistol Permits	30.00
Receipts, Permits, Licenses, etc.	
Bicentennial Booklet, Sale of	1.00
Board of Appeals	30.00
Building Inspections	25.00
Building Permits	436.00
Business Permits	20.00
Used Car, License	10.00
Co-Op License	2.00
Copier, Use of	5.00
Culvert, Sale of	55.60
Dance Permit	2.00
Disposal Works Permit	18.00
Fines	135.00
Gas Registration	72.00
General License	5.00
Grits, Sale of	20.00
Histories, Town	
Volume I	72.00
Volume II	36.00
Installers Permits	25.00
Liquor ID	2.00
Lunch Counter Permit	8.00

Municipal Lien	6.00
Raffle Permit	10.00
Rent, Town Hall	24.00
School Census	121.90
Tag Sale Permit	10.00
Town Report, Sale of	3.00
Truck, Sale of	1,703.02
U.S. Treasury - Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance	1,804.00
Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Civil Defense	112.50
School Aid, G.L. Chapter 70	11,790.43
Hwy & Transit Dev. 1974 Chap. 825	36,145.42
R.E. Abatements for Blind Persons, Ch59S5C37 1973	87.50
Transp. of Pupils GL, Chapter 71SS7A	18,018.00
Hwy Fund, G.L. Chap. 58S18B 1971, Chapter 497	13,846.12
Local Aid Fund, G.L. Chap. 58S18C	3,363.76
General Fund distribution	2,098.06
Tuition for State Wards, G.L. Chap. 76S7	1,142.00
Dept. of Public Works Chapter 765	41,502.00
Transfer from Savings No. 8411	30,000.00
Transfer from Wm. Hathaway Fund - flowers	20.00
Transfer from No. 55545 - Charity	500.26
Transfer from F.A. Cross General Fund-Paint school	1,225.00
Revenue Sharing Receipts	7,764.00
Transfers	12,500.00
Interest	483.07
Disbursements	
Selectmen's Warrants	183,811.47
School Warrants	149,208.89
School Lunch Warrants	10,046.01
CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 1978	
Country Bank Checking Account	86,342.01
United Savings Bank No. 8411 Treasurer's Cash	106,387.89
United Savings Bank No. 10827 Revenue Sharing	15,421.41
Town Funds, June 30, 1978	
Susan H. Howes Fund No. 488	1,329.33
Henry Taylor Fund No. 3936	5,605.15
Major King Fund No. 1692	6,652.13
Salmon Miller Funds No. 69847, 45771	8,446.36
Eliza Miller Funds, No. 7788, 7780, 5545, 12589, 28555	14,740.80
William A. Hathaway Fund No. 9308	13,431.70
F.A. Cross General Fund, No. 19520, 5779	52,443.30
Stabilization Fund No. 20753	5,008.02

Ambulance Revenue No. 12277	1,509.49
Ambulance, Flora Tatro Memorial No. 10-11831	5,419.47

### July 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

Cash Balance June 30, 1978	192,729.90
<b>Tax Receipts</b>	
1972 Personal Property	164.10
1973 Personal Property	9.00
1974 Personal Property	16.37
1974-1975 Real Estate	11.04
1974-1975 Personal Property	270.00
1975-1976 Real Estate	3,085.01
1975-1976 Personal Property	225.96
1976-1977 Real Estate	6,532.45
1976-1977 Personal Property	329.60
1977-1978 Real Estate	36,510.25
1977-1978 Personal Property	877.92
1978-1979 Real Estate	177,542.72
1978-1979 Personal Property	13,148.62
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE</b>	
Levy of 1968	108.90
Levy of 1972	265.30
Levy of 1973	228.53
Levy of 1974	79.48
Levy of 1975	232.57
Levy of 1976	2,104.89
Levy of 1977	6,066.00
Levy of 1978	15,687.96
<b>FARM ANIMAL EXCISE</b>	
Levy of 1978	3,302.70
<b>INTEREST</b>	
Real Estate, Personal Property, Farm Animal	2,668.01
Motor Vehicle Excise	661.13
<b>DEMANDS</b>	425.00
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Veteran's Service	590.35
Tuition from other schools	856.28
<b>Trust Fund Income</b>	
Library - Fred A. Cross Fund	133.96
Park - Whiting Street Fund	64.56
Cemetery Funds	86.96
Interest on Treasurer's Cash No. 8411	1,225.76

Interest on Series H Bonds	268.77
Country Bank Dividends	15.00
Massachusetts Withholding Tax	5,831.41
County Retirement Deductions	3,032.39
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Deductions	4,094.33
Road Machinery Earnings	2,615.90
School Lunch Program	
Hot Lunch Receipts	3,467.72
State U.S.D.A. Receipts	6,678.39
Dog Licenses	74.90
Ambulance	
Earnings	98.30
Memory	354.50
Gifts	30.00
CPR Doll Mission	265.00
Public Health Nursing Fees	510.50
Police	
Insurance Reports	45.00
Gun Identification Cards	28.00
Pistol Permits	80.00
Receipts, Permits, Licenses, etc.	
Amusement License	49.50
Bicentennial Booklet, Sale of	5.00
Board of Appeals	40.00
Building Inspections	50.00
Building Permits	408.00
Business Permits	10.00
Culvert, Sale of	284.40
Dance Permits	4.00
Disposal Works Permits	18.00
Equipment, Use of	361.60
Fire Department earnings	240.00
Flea Market Permit	2.00
Flu Clinic	5.00
Gas Registration	30.00
General License	4.00
Histories, Town	
Volume I	180.00
Volume II	30.00
Installers Permits	25.00
Liquor Licenses	500.00
Lunch Counter Permit	6.00
Milk License	2.00
Music Revolving Fund	90.00

Raffle Permit	10.00
Rent, Town Hall	89.00
Sander, Sale of	75.00
Scraping Driveways	18.30
Street List, Sale of	2.00
Sunday License	5.00
Tag Sale, Permit	22.00
U.S. Treasury- Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance	640.00
Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Civil Defense	75.00
School Aid, G.L. Chapter 70	8,200.00
Local Aid, Ch. 58	4,196.00
Local Aid, add'l assistance G.L. Ch. 58S18C	1,192.61
Loss of Taxes on Land, CSIA4 G.L. Ch. 58S13	2,943.48
Dept. of Public Works	5,000.00
Elderly Exemptions 1977, Ch. 967	1,375.98
Lottery, Beano, Charity games L.A. Ch. 58	3,646.00
Hwy Fund, G.L. Chap 58S18B, Ch. 497	14,046.00
Transfer from Savings No. 8411	95,000.00
Revenue Sharing Receipts	7,764.00
Interest on Revenue Sharing	553.45
Disbursements	
Selectmen's Warrants	324,023.68
School Warrants	112,828.26
School Lunch Warrants	5,917.78
CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1978	
Country Bank Checking Account	32,228.89
United Savings Bank No. 8411 Treasurer's cash	62,613.65
United Savings Bank No. 10827 Revenue Sharing	23,738.86

PATRICIA C. FARRELL  
Treasurer



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS 1978

### 1978 BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
JANUARY	
1 - Christopher Paul Barrett	Paul C. & Lisa (Finnerty) Barrett
20 - Lisbet Freyja Sanger	Peter R. Sanger & Debra Marriott-Sanger
FEBRUARY	
5 - Emily Welton Leue	Thomas S. & Nancy (Welton) Leue
21 - Adam Michael Shulda	Philip W. & Debra (Loomis) Shulda
APRIL	
1 - Nicholas Lund-Ulrich	Thomas Ulrich & Jane Lund
2 - Adam Lewis Wiedmann	Clark A. & Gail (Dudko) Wiedmann
15 - Stephanie Marie Haskins	Delmar C. & Karen (Carlstrom) Haskins
MAY	
19 - Timothy Alan Guditis	Alan J. & Darlene (Burnett) Guditis
30 -Christie Aishling Gibson	Paul J. & Kerry (Kelly) Gibson
JULY	
25 - Angela May Steward	Richard R. & Daria (Volo) Steward
AUGUST	
8 - Justin John Nawrocki	John T. & Cassandra (Beatman) Nawrocki
16 - Justin Andre' Dufresne	Francis C. & Karen (Rich) Dufresne
31 - Kierstin Joy Seiser	David A. & Janice (Barry) Seiser
NOVEMBER	
24 - Anna Maaika Van Zee-Phillips	George C. Phillips & Vicki Van Zee
DECEMBER	
9 - Daniel Merton Shippee	Ronald J. & Valerie (Plympton) Shippee

## 1978 MARRIAGES

### JANUARY

28 — Wayne Raffa  
Ashfield, Mass.

Nancy (Loud) Wilson  
Ashfield, Mass.

### FEBRUARY

15 — Richard R. Steward  
Ashfield, Mass.

Daria D. Volo  
Ashfield, Mass.

### MARCH

31 — Christopher E. Sacco  
Ashfield, Mass.  
31 — John R. Scanlon  
Ashfield, Mass.

Ann M. Powers  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Elaine Olshuff  
Ashfield, Mass.

### JUNE

4 — David P. Thompson  
Greenfield, Mass.  
10 — Mark P. Surgies  
Greenfield, Mass.  
24 — Robert A. Fritz  
Ashfield, Mass.

Barbara J. Lanoue  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Dianna K. Lucks  
Greenfield, Mass.  
Julie Ann Ward  
Ashfield, Mass.

### JULY

8 — J. Stephen Eddins  
Easthampton, Mass.  
19 — Edward F. Berlin  
Ashfield, Mass.  
23 — Noel Botfield  
Ashfield, Mass.

Elizabeth Warren  
Northampton, Mass.  
Joan (Featherman) Kamman  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Susan E. Cordell  
Ashfield, Mass.

### AUGUST

2 — Roy A. Sandagata  
Ashfield, Mass.  
13 — Jeffrey S. Smith  
Ashfield, Mass.  
13 — Jeffery R. Abrams  
Ashfield, Mass.  
19 — Dennis Dong  
Auborn, California

Martha (Negus) Fellows  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Cynthia S. Guyot  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Charlotte Cummings  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Patricia E. Pieropan  
Ashfield, Mass.

# SEPTEMBER

3 — Howard Bronstein  
Ashfield, Mass.

Ellen Baer  
Ashfield, Mass.

# OCTOBER

7 — William P. Tirrell  
Ashfield, Mass.  
27 — John W. Tatro  
Ashfield, Mass.  
28 — John Linzi  
Ashfield, Mass.

Mary Jane (Hebb) Foster  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Brenda L. Sall  
Buckland, Mass.  
Laurie Pilachowski  
Ashfield, Mass.

# NOVEMBER

11 — Vincent C. Guardia  
Ashfield, Mass.  
18 — Alexander W. Hamilton  
Ashfield, Mass.  
24 — Peter A. Therkelsen  
Ashfield, Mass.

Nancy L. Fordon  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Lorna R. Lesquier  
Ashfield, Mass.  
Lauren M. Kielbasa  
Ashfield, Mass.

# DECEMBER

22 — Frederick H. Graves, Jr.  
Ashfield, Mass.

Rena (Bergeron) Wright  
Deerfield, Mass.

## 1978 DEATHS

NAME	Years	Months	Days
JANUARY			
1 — Beatrice (Geloch) Dutcher	71	4	7
20 — Frank E. Pomeroy, Jr.	52	3	6
27 — Sophia (Dooman) Cockaday	98	1	19
APRIL			
4 — Helen (Riley) Williams	75	11	26
27 — Bernice (Ware) Stroheker	97	5	14
MAY			
10 — Edward A. Pellissier	68	5	30
15 — William Mackintosh	61	11	20
JUNE			
25 — Anita Marie Benoit	21	9	1

# **JULY**

2 — Donald F. Howes	80	4	11
12 — Bessie (Thatcher) Rice	82	2	9
25 — Caroline E. Reutter	58	11	28

# **AUGUST**

24 — Albert L. Phaneuf	78	2	24
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# **SEPTEMBER**

15 — Elizabeth (Latimer) Fullerton	88	11	19
28 — Rosario Harry Bourget	86	2	4

# **OCTOBER**

26 — Gladys (Godin) Delphia	82	7	6
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# **DECEMBER**

1 — Mabel (Bartlett) Nelson	86	1	1
20 — Lloyd R. Rich	62	4	19

(Errors or omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)

## **ELECTION & BALLOTING**

		Registered Voters	Votes Cast
Annual Town Election	April 1, 1978	840	133
State Primary	September 19, 1978	796	220
State Election	November 7, 1978	810	534

## **DOG LICENSES ISSUED**

January 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

79 Males	@ \$ 3.00	\$ 237.00	
7 Females	@ 6.00	42.00	
67 Spayed females	@ 3.00	201.00	
9 Kennel	@ 10.00	90.00	
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			\$ 570.00
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$ 513.30	
Fees retained		56.70	
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			\$ 570.00

# **FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED** **January 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978**

14 Res. Cit. Sporting (Over 70)			FREE
3 Res. Cit. Fishing (Paraplegic, etc.)			FREE
2 Res. Cit. Hunting (Paraplegic, etc.)			FREE
66 Res. Cit. Fishing	@ \$ 8.25	\$ 544.50	
53 Res. Cit. Hunting	@ 8.25	437.25	
59 Res. Cit. Sporting	@ 13.50	796.50	
9 Res. Cit. Minor Fishing	@ 6.25	56.25	
1 Non-Res. Cit. Fishing	@ 14.25	14.25	
1 Non-Res. Cit. 7-Day Fishing	@ 8.25	8.25	
1 Non-Res. Cit. Hunting (small game)	@ 20.25	20.25	
3 Res. Cit. Minor Trapping	@ 6.25	18.75	
1 Res. Cit. Trapping	@ 11.50	11.50	
7 Duplicates	@ 1.00	7.00	
3 Non-Res. Cit. Hunting (big game)	@ 35.25	105.75	
1 Res. Cit. Sporting (Age 65-69)	@ 6.75	6.75	
16 Archery Stamps	@ 5.10	81.60	
12 Waterfowl Stamps	@ 1.25	15.00	
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Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts			\$ 2,123.60
Fees retained			54.10
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			\$ 2,123.60

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor M. Ward,  
**TOWN CLERK**

## Board of Assessors' Report

During 1978 "arms-length" sales of real estate totalled 47 (1976-54, 1975-43, 1974-47). During the 16 years 1963-78 inclusive such sales averaged 51.6 per year, the highest numbers having been in 1972 and 1973 when they averaged 74.

January 1, 1978, the Board added about \$2,507,000, or about 11.4% to the taxable real estate base of Ashfield. Thereby it brought the total to \$24,408,000, or 5.2 times that of 1966, the year of the last major revaluation:

### VALUATION AND TAX DATA

Year**	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total	Tax Rate	Total Assessed*
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	290.7
1972	8,999	1,162	10,160	30	304.8
1973	10,849	1,243	12,092	30	362.8
1974	13,368	1,301	14,670	24	352.1
1975	16,882	1,406	18,288	24	438.9
1976	19,254	1,459	20,713	19	393.5
1977	21,901	1,496	23,397	18.50	432.8
1978	24,418	1,630	26,048	17.50	455.8

\*-Thousands of dollars

\*\*.-as of January 1

The Board has used the following average sales prices per acre of vacant, unimproved land as the basis for land valuations:



# TRACT SIZES IN ACRES

Sales Year	1½ to 12	15 to 27	30 to 50	60 to 180
1973	\$1,253	\$ 653	\$ 517	\$ 372
1974	1,382	662*	505*	300*
1975	1,398	738	none	127*
1976	1,306	702	598*	295
1977	1,295	485*	603	167*
1978	1,223	915	546*	500*
Av. 73 - 78 inclusive	1,310	692	554	252*

During 1978 the Board again completed as many cost analyses as time permitted of dwellings and auxiliary buildings, which assists materially the Board in its annual chore of re-evaluation of every piece of property in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Warren M. Chase, *Chairman*  
 Malcolm S. Clark  
 William H. Schreiber  
*Assessors*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

In the 1976 Police Town Report, a new ruling was mentioned, effective in 1978, that those affiliated with all law enforcement must have a 400 hour training course in order to remain in law enforcement. This training became a reality last October when just such a course was offered to all Franklin County Police Officers. This amounts to a 13 week training class which is held once a week. My gratitude goes to the men and women of the Ashfield Police Department for their attendance and devotion to the classes. I am proud to say that all eight who began the classes last October have diligently participated throughout the course on their own time and with only the interest of the department at heart. I know full well it was a hardship, time-wise, for many of them. I am taking this opportunity to thank them for making our department look good.

Our 4th Annual Dinner, held during the Fall Festival was a huge success due to the great support of the public and the help of all the members of the department and their families. Equipment purchased with money earned from the dinner was a scanner for the police station to monitor all police, fire and ambulance calls which is a great improvement and much more efficient.

As always our appreciation goes to the townspeople and selectmen who give us their cooperation and support in our efforts. We hope this relationship can continue. The department tries to keep crime statistics at a minimum. However, with our community growing at the rate it is, it becomes very difficult to be everywhere and see everything. The rules are there for one reason, everyone's protection, and with everyone's cooperation we hope this will be the outcome.

At this time I would like to thank the men and women in the department for all they have done during the year to make our department work. It takes a certain type of person to be in law enforcement, people who go "above and beyond the call

of duty" when necessary. Ashfield is fortunate to have these kind of people. Their families deserve a round of applause. Their continued support and help is greatly appreciated.

## STATISTICS REPORT

	1978	1977
Miles covered by cruiser	30,835	20,015
Calls and complaints	1,977	1,489
Dogs	78	105
Investigations	180	233
Accidents	20	37
Deaths Investigated	1	2
Assaults	3	2
Arrests	8	4
Breaks	17	16
Thefts	8	19
Drugs	1	0
Vandalism	3	4
Summons & Warrants	12	19
F.I.D. Cards	24	39
Pistol Permits	23	20
Trips to the hospital	4	1
Court Appearances	33-72 hrs.	18-43 hrs.
Tickets & Citations	61	43

Walter D. Zalenski  
*Chief of Police*

## Report of the Fire Department

Freshly painted inside and out, with eight inches of insulation installed in the ceiling, the remodeling of the Fire Station has been successfully completed, a project we hope the town can justly be proud of.

Engine No. 2 has been given a new lease on life with new fenders, dents removed and a new paint job.

A dry hydrant was installed on Buckland Road last summer. This gives the department a dependable water supply in this area of town. Filling the vehicle tanks in this manner saves valuable time and is much more convenient than previous methods used.

Four members of the department traveled to Keene State College this fall and took the following courses: Strategy of structural fire fighting, Driver safety, Pump operator course and Administration and regulations course. An 18—hour training course was given this year by the Ashfield Fire Department and two of our members, along with twelve members of the newly formed Buckland Fire Department, completed that course. A joint training session was held for both departments in Buckland on Liquid Propane Gas emergencies.

The following permits were issued during the year:

- 2 Blasting permits
- 3 Oil burner permits
- 2 Black powder permits
- 60 Brush burning permits

There was a total of \$ 673,200 of insured property involved in fire incidents. A total of \$ 73,600 in losses, a total of \$ 48,604 paid by insurance and a total of \$ 24,966 of property loss not covered.

The daily log for the year is as follows:

## RESPONSE REPORTS

1-20-78	2:00 P.M.	Main St.	Chimney fire
1-26-78	1:00 P.M.	Smith Road	Appliance fire
1-28-78	10:55 A.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Accident
1-31-78	11:00 A.M.	Hill Road	Chimney fire
2-02-78	10:00 A.M.	March Road	Appliance fire
2-03-78	7:05 A.M.	Norton Hill Rd.	Chimney fire
2-03-78	2:30 P.M.	West Road	Vehicle fire
2-16-78	10:25 P.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Chimney fire
2-18-78	8:25 P.M.	Watson Spruce Corner Rd.	Accident
2-19-78	10:05 P.M.	Main St.	Defective wiring
2-26-78	1:55 P.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Accident
3-06-78	12:10 P.M.	Route 116, So. Ashfield	Chimney fire
3-23-78	6:20 P.M.	West Road	Chimney fire
3-29-78	1:45 P.M.	Suburban Drive	Accident
4-08-78	4:00 A.M.	Buckland Road	Structure fire
4-13-78	3:15 P.M.	Norton Hill Rd.	Grass fire
4-30-78	3:20 A.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Accident
5-09-78	2:00 P.M.	Main St.	Grass fire
6-01-78	4:30 A.M.	Buckland Road	Structure fire
6-20-78	2:00 P.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Dump fire
6-22-78	10:00 P.M.	Route 116, So. Ashfield	Accident
6-23-78	1:15 A.M.	Mutal Aid to Charlemont	
7-02-78	12:45 P.M.	Buckland Rd.	Paint spill on lake
7-02-78	4:35 P.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Vehicle fire
7-02-78	7:35 P.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Accident
7-03-78	11:45 P.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Defective smoke detector
7-06-78	8:45 P.M.	Suburban Drive	Vehicle fire
08-05-78	7:00 A.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Accident
8-18-78	6:25 P.M.	Main St.	Gasoline leak
8-18-78	9:05 P.M.	Bailey Road	Structure fire
9-24-78	8:03 P.M.	John Ford Rd.	Chimney fire
9-30-78	3:55 P.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Accident
10-23-78	3:45 P.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Brush fire
10-30-78	9:30 P.M.	Mutal Aid to Hawley	



11-02-78	1:40 P.M.	Bug Hill Rd.	Brush fire
11-07-78	2:30 P.M.	Williamsburg Rd.	Brush fire
11-08-78	6:35 A.M.	Ludwig Rd.	Chimney fire
11-10-78	9:30 A.M.	Hawley Rd.	Flooded oil burner
11-13-78	4:50 P.M.	Lithia Rd.	Grass fire
11-18-78	5:35 P.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Accident
11-20-78	10:30 A.M.	Main St.	Chimney fire
11-20-78	5:30 P.M.	Lithia Rd.	Chimney fire
11-20-78	11:00 P.M.	Mutal Aid to Charlemont	
12-09-78	11:30 A.M.	Route 116, So. Ashfield	Accident
12-17-78	4:35 P.M.	Steady Lane Rd.	Smoking wires

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Van Iderstine  
*Fire Chief*

## Zoning Board of Appeals Report

The Zoning Board of Appeals had six appeals to consider in 1978. Five of these were business permits and were granted. One was a non-conforming land Use Variance and this, too, was granted.

Under the new amendments to the By-Laws adopted in 1978, the Zoning Board of Appeals will have only Use Variances to consider in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph E. Townsley, *Chairman*  
William H. Schreiber  
Marianna T. Graves  
Kenneth A. Lilly, Assoc. Member  
Clayton C. Craft, Assoc. Member



## **REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Ashfield Conservation Commission held nine regular meetings during 1978. All meetings are open to the public and usually there are one or two persons other than the members of the commission present. Esther Steinmetz, Dorothy Cornman and Roger Harris have been the most frequent visitors.

We have been keeping a close touch with the work of the Westfield River Watershed Council in preparing material on Green Belts as protection of rivers, specifically the Westfield River, part of the headwaters of which lie in Ashfield.

We have also been following closely the new Agricultural Preservation Restriction Act, Chapter 780, and have consulted various farmers in Ashfield about the possibility of applying under it for the purchase of development rights as a means of reducing the overwhelming burden of owning farm land when assessed at its value as developed land. We are prepared to describe the provisions and advantages of this new law to interested Ashfield farmers.

We continue to be involved in the operations of the Wetlands Protection Act and have answered several inquiries about its application to specific situations. No case requiring the full procedure of public hearing has arisen during the year.

Mary Lucas has suggested books for the Ashfield Library provided by Mrs. Carrolle Markle in memory of her husband. Final decision fell to the Audubon Encyclopedia.

We continue to keep touch with the Energy Conservation Committee, now an officially appointed Town Committee. We had a small part in the starting of this group, largely the result of the initiative of Roger Harris.

We protested the spraying by Northeast Utilities under their power lines of suspected poisonous compounds and received a full reply from N.U. of their reasons. They are not convinced that there is any real danger and believe the spraying proced-

ure is the least expensive measure available to them. This controversy got a bit of coverage in the Ashfield News and elsewhere. It remains an unresolved difference of opinion. A study of the chemicals involved by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Federal Government is in progress.

We continue to be represented at the meetings of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions and receive many helpful publications from the Association, of which we are a member. A new handbook appeared this year and is invaluable to Conservation Commissions.

Russell Fessenden, *Chairman*  
Philip H. Steinmetz, *Secretary*  
Linwood B. Lesure  
Mary S. Lucas  
Russell V. Loomis, Jr.  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

## Report of the COUNCIL ON AGING

The Ashfield Council on Aging was appointed as the result of the vote of the Town in 1978. It is concerned with the welfare of persons 60 years or over of whom there are a few more than 200 in Ashfield.

One major enterprise in which we are involved is that of providing transportation from Ashfield to Shelburne Falls for any who wish to share in the life of the Senior Center there, especially the hot noon meals twice a week. Douglas Graves has been providing rides for those who have asked and is being paid from funds available for meeting human needs.

We have not asked for, nor needed, any appropriation from the town in what we have found needing to be done.

We held seven meetings during the year. We compiled a list of all persons 60 years of age and older and have interviewed various ones in an effort to discover any needs which can be met.

Mrs. Carolyn Fox has met with us and has been elected to the Board of Directors of Franklin County Home Care Corp. which is the agency directly concerned with older persons in Franklin County.

We welcome questions, comments, suggestions and appeals for help from anyone and rejoice to have visitors attend our meetings.

Philip H. Steinmetz, *Chairman*  
Marianna T. Graves, *Secretary*  
Harriet H. Pike  
Edwin W. Dutcher  
Helen S. Walker  
*COUNCIL on AGING*

## **Report of the Energy Conservation Committee**

At the April 1978 Town Meeting, an article on the town warrant called for the creation of an Energy Conservation Committee in Ashfield. According to the article, the purpose of the committee would be to study and recommend energy conservation policies to the town and its citizens. After discussion and clarification of the term of each member of the committee, the article was passed almost unanimously.

The committee was originally an ad-hoc organization formed in May, 1977. In May, 1978, the selectmen appointed the new five-member Energy Committee. Since then, Nat Smith and Clayton Craft have resigned due to other time commitments. They have been replaced by Thomas Leue and Martin Cornman respectively.

Since May our committee has written monthly articles on energy conservation in the Ashfield News. We have maintained a shelf of energy booklets for Ashfield residents at the Belding Library. We have maintained a tremendous file of information on all aspects of energy conservation in order to be able to provide information to those who seek it. We sponsored an Energy Tour of five interesting alternative energy installations in Ashfield during July. We thank all those who opened their homes to the public on that day.

One of our more time-consuming functions this year was the energy audit of the town library. We did a survey of energy usage and heat loss and determined that the library should have six more inches of insulation in the attic and recommended, among other things, that the thermostat be turned down during unoccupied periods. A report of our findings and recommendations was prepared and presented to the Trustees of the Library.

We are currently planning an educational program for Sanderson Academy and a public program for Ashfield residents.

Roger Harris is the town representative to the county-wide Energy Conservation Task Force. Each month this group (which is composed of representatives from most of the 26 towns in our county as well as ten at-large members) deals with such matters as the Hydroelectric Study, the County Energy Questionnaire, the National Energy Plan, energy legislation, the proposed Franklin Regional Transit Authority, and many other issues. This active group is the only one of its kind in the state.

We would like to continue our invitation to residents to use our committee resources to maintain an energy efficient home and save on today's high energy bills. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month.

Roger Harris, *Chairman*  
Martin Cornman, *Secretary*  
Richard Chandler  
Thomas Leue  
Albert Pieropan



## **Report of the FRED W. WELLS TRUSTEES**

The year 1978 was marked by the first distribution of Wells Trust funds to and for the purposes expressed in Mr. Wells' will. Subcommittees of the Board of Trustees, acting in three (3) separate categories and pursuant to the June 12, 1978 Judgment of Franklin County Probate Judge Sanford Keedy, worked long hours selecting a health care program to sponsor, an agricultural awards program, and formulating an educational awards program.

Project Horizon, a program conceived by the Franklin County Mental Health Association, was selected from among other proposals by the Trustees as one which was consistent with the intent of Mr. Well' will relative to providing health care. This program is designed to make mental health care more readily available to the residents of rural Franklin County. It is partially funded with Wells funds pursuant to an agreement which was formulated and executed between the Trustees and the Franklin County Mental Health Association in July of this year.

The agricultural awards program resulted in disbursement by the Trust of \$3,500 which was paid out in the form of agricultural awards in cooperation with the Franklin County Agricultural Society. Many of these awards were made at the Franklin County Fair in September of 1978.

Thirty-nine (39) residents of the eligible county towns were benefited by educational scholarships granted. The total amount of the grants was \$33,500.

This year also saw the promulgation of organizational guidelines and resulted in nine (9) meetings of the full Board of Trustees, along with numerous meetings of the various subcommittees. In addition, the Trustees obtained from the Franklin County Probate Court an allowance of its first full account-



ing and initiated procedures to obtain a tax classification from the Internal Revenue Service.

It was a year of much accomplishment and the residents of the various Franklin County Towns received for the first time the benefits of Mr. Wells' forward and generous thinking.

*Trustees of the Fred W. Wells Trust*

John F. Dahowski  
Douglas M. Angleman  
Newland F. Smith, Jr.  
Jean B. Cummings  
Albert W. Charsky  
Beda G. Langevin  
Kathryn Brown  
Lois N. Bean  
Ronald R. Findlay  
Lawrence A. Rancourt  
Wendell E. Streeter  
Gordon W. Leavis  
Lawrence A. Comins  
Samuel I. Couture  
Arthur C. Brodeur, Jr.

## JURY LIST

Barbara A. Chickering, Cummington Rd.	Nurses' Aide
Suzanne M. Corbett, Main St.	Recreation Director
Verna R. Field, Bullitt Rd.	Housewife
Judith A. Gould, Spruce Corner Rd.	Cook
Doris O. Graham, Buckland Rd.	Co-Owner, Lake House
Alden J. Gray, Baptist Corner Rd.	Engineer
William F. Gray, Baptist Corner Rd.	Roofer-Painter
Nancy L. Guardia, Bear Swamp Rd.	Teacher's Aide
Addie E. Hall, Beldingville Rd.	Retired
Delmar C. Haskins, South St.	Machine Operator
Malcolm E. Hill, Bullitt Road	County Agent
Clyde A. Johnson, Bug Hill Rd.	Auxiliary Operator
Ira C. Jourdan, Cummington Rd.	Retired
Albert R. Kendrick, Bear River Rd.	Retired
Ethel R. Kipen, John Ford Rd.	Decorator
Arthur L. Kirsch, Creamery Rd.	Retired
George G. Lesure, Cape St.	Personnel Dir.
Viola F. Lesure, Watson Rd.	Retired
Louis J. Musante, Warger Rd.	Pharmacist
Ardis W. Nolan, Main St.	Housewife
Joanne H. Ostrowski, Smith Rd.	Teacher
Gordon B. Parker, Jr., Buckland Rd.	Project Director
Ann M. Powers, Smith Rd.	Antiques Dealer
Linda M. Warren, Smith Rd.	Secretary
Gene Zeiger, Bellus Rd.	School Counselor

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

I am happy to report that the revised By-Laws were completed, adopted by the voters at a Special Town Meeting held on March 15, 1978, and approved by the Attorney General on May 1, 1978. This was well before the June 30, 1978 deadline. The revised By-Laws and Subdivision Control Laws will be incorporated into one book and should be available by March 1. This successfully concludes more than one year's tireless effort by Board members.

Most plot - plan approval activity during the past year was routine, consisting mostly of single, conforming-lot parcels submitted by local residents; however, there is evidence that large, tract-type subdivision activity is increasing in this area - particularly in Ashfield. This seems to be the result of a booming "second-home" market that is rapidly spreading throughout Western Massachusetts. The Planning Board is currently contesting one such development plan within the Town which it feels has been subtly designed to circumvent the Sub-Division Control Laws and the Town's By-Laws. It will take continued vigilance by the Board to see that such non-conforming developments are discouraged within the Town if we are to preserve Ashfield as its residents wish it to be.

Finally, since my term of office expires this year, I would like to take this opportunity as Chairman of the Planning Board to publicly acknowledge the dedicated participation of my fellow Board members and the support given to the Planning Board by the Selectmen. I thank you all.

Raymond T. Cassidy, *Chairman*

Mary L. Tilley, *Clerk*

Pauline J. Nye

Edward A. Zagrubski

Douglas M. Angleman

## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

New England weather continues to play an important role in creating yet another challenge for our trees to survive. For instance, a winter ice storm can ruin a perfectly healthy tree by breaking and busting branches, limbs and even trunks apart under its severe weight. Even if the tree does survive permanent damage from an ice storm, the numerous wounds, breaks and tears can be a source of infection by wood decay organisms in the future.

In the past few years, Ashfield has experienced a couple of damaging ice and wet snow storms that raised havoc with our trees. Most of these trees can be repaired with the exception of a few which will have to be removed.

Other weather conditions can cause tree problems such as: severe winds, extremely wet years and periods of drought. These factors combined with many insect, disease and environmental problems can weaken and shorten the life of many trees.

Eleven dead or dying maples were removed last year along with a few beech and elm trees. Three new street trees were planted in spaces where trees had been removed. Various trees were repaired and pruned as will be the case this year.

With a good balance in the tree budget, it is planned to purchase and plant more new trees in the spring. Also a stump chipper will be hire to chip out old unsightly stumps along the streets.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ramon R. Sears  
*TREE WARDEN*

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The Belding Library had several new innovations and physical changes during the year 1978. A bright gold-orange carpet was installed in the children's room, brightening the area and making it more inviting for the youngsters. Stuffed animals, primary puzzles and toys have also been added by patrons providing our real young non-readers with entertainment while their parents have visited the library. Combination storm windows and screens were an added energy feature during 1978.

We have had many patterns donated for our pattern exchange and the books on sale in the hall have given us extra money to purchase more books.

The Howes pictures were the feature during the summer. Our appreciation goes to the Historical Society and those involved in the display. It brought many visitors to the library.

The children's story hour was held in August. Thank you's go to Mrs. Virginia Rich, Mrs. Harriet Pike, Mrs. Cass Nawrocki and Mrs. Nancy Rillings for devoting their time to read. Mrs. Vivian Fuller's first grade class visited the library and the 4-H had their exhibit displayed as part of their program. Elice Pieropan had a display of her paintings in the fall.

Our appreciation goes to the following persons for loaning displays for our case: Edward Zagrubski, bottle collection; Isabelle Hand, unusual handmade pillows; the cub Scout winners of the Pinewood Derby with their winning cars and St. John's Church with their unique display of Ashfield Cook Books.

Statistics for the year were as follows: Circulation 13,125, new patrons 78, interlibrary loans 80. A total of approximately 600 books were added to the collection this past year, about 400 of these were purchased and about 200 donated by the public. We wish to thank all those who donated books, records, puzzles, toys, gifts of money to the library.



A geography book of the 50 states was purchased in memory of Jean Pichette for the children's room. A gift of money was given in memory of Millard Markle by his wife Carrolle. The Library Trustees voted a sum of money to purchase books in memory of Donald Howes who had been a past trustee of the library for 22 years and chairman for 12 years.

The combined effort of Douglas Angleman, Norma Harris, Norman Pike and the Historical Society gave us the "Records of the planting, gathering and proceedings of the Baptist Church of Christ in Ashfield". Through Robert Gardner of Shorter College in Rome, Georgia, these records have been compiled and micro-filmed and will be incorporated in the micro-filming of the Historical Commission of the South Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Historic Society. Prof. Gardner stated that 75 such items will be available from New England of which 2500 will be from Mass.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the townspeople for making the library a success, to the trustees, selectmen, Arlene DeLuca, Anne Judson, Lin Williams, Ray Sears, Fred Pike and my family for all contributing their special talents to the library.

BARBARA V. ZALENSKI

*Librarian*



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1978 - June 30, 1978

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1978	\$	913.48
Milo M. Belding Trust Fund		1,705.92
Milo M. Belding Surplus Fund		211.96
Town of Ashfield		3,500.00
State Aid		1,000.00
Donation		25.00
Lost book		5.00
Book Sold		5.53
Interest on NOW Account		9.48
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	\$	7,376.37

#### EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services	\$	2,601.68
Books and magazines		1,668.41
Office Supplies		47.25
Electricity		200.68
Telephone		124.33
Janitor's Supplies		61.16
Desk Fund		20.00
Repairs and Improvements		1,437.90
Mileage		14.28
P.O. Box Rent		5.00
Check Service Charge		3.65
Safe Deposit Box		10.00
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	\$	6,194.34

Cash on hand July 1, 1978	\$	1,182.03
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July 1, 1978—December 31, 1978

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand July 1, 1978	\$	1,182.03
Milo M. Belding Trust Fund		1,667.73
Milo M. Belding Surplus Fund		211.51

Fred Cross Fund	267.92
Milo Belding Jr. Trust Fund	147.46
Town of Ashfield	2,100.00
Sale of Books	28.12
Markle Memorial Fund	100.00
Interest on NOW account	8.66
Interest on Savings accounts	498.19
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	\$ 6,211.62

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services	\$ 2,786.72
Books and Magazines	1,001.81
Office Supplies	94.24
Fuel	1,007.27
Electricity	106.27
Telephone	124.84
Water	18.00
Janitor's Supplies	42.03
Repairs and Improvements	77.38
Desk Fund	20.00
Postage	3.60
P.O. Box Rent	3.00
Interest to Savings	498.19
Check Service Charge	6.65
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	\$ 5,790.00
Cash on hand December 31, 1978	\$ 421.62

## LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Franklin County Trust Co.	\$ 656.98
Franklin Savings Institution	654.58
Greenfield Savings Bank	4,526.43
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,074.84
United Savings Bank, Shelburne Falls	775.83
United Savings Bank, Conway	1,984.96
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	\$ 9,673.62

Lynn W. Lesure  
Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

First, let me say to those new to Ashfield that our Headquarters are located in the basement of the Belding Memorial Library; this, too, is a Fallout Shelter. It is equipped with standby emergency generator as well as a Civil Defense Communications Radio. The Fallout Shelter is equipped with emergency supplies as well as some medications.

U. S. Regional Director, Allen Zenowitz of the Civil Defense Preparedness Agency, pinpoints his agency's mission stating, "Our job, by law, is to think about the unthinkable, and if the unthinkable is not a popular theme nowadays at least the American public should be aware that someone is doing this unwelcome task".

In July 1978, a GMC, 1 ton Model, Army truck was obtained through Civil Defense, to be used in emergency situations by the Police and Fire Departments. It was used last fall during the forest fire out in Watson by the Fire Department, hauling men to and from the scene. Also received by the Police Department in November was a General Electric 40 channel PLL System CB radio, model 35869A. This radio monitors Channel 9, the emergency channel, at all times. These radios were issued for emergency use and people stranded on highways in vehicles and those in need of help in their home can call out on Channel 9 for help from police, fire and ambulance services.

Again I will repeat that the primary need for the Civil Defense Preparedness Agency results from the ever present threat of a nuclear attack and in a secondary role, it is of great value in case of any type of disaster which might strike this area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mildred Reniff  
*Civil Defense Director*

## AMBULANCE REPORT

We wish to thank the many volunteers of the Ashfield Ambulance Service for providing continuous coverage for the Town of Ashfield, responding on sixty-two occasions, wrestling with costly and burdensome State ambulance regulations and planning for the future. Special thanks must be given to Beverly and John Labelle for their service as directors during the first half of 1978.

During the year, \$1,647.30 was added to the Ambulance Fund from gifts and earnings. Thanks are extended to all of the families and friends who made contributions to the fund in memory of Bessie Devine, Beatrice Dutcher, Elizabeth Fullerton, Leslie Guilford, Donald Howes, Robert King, Richard Munroe, Edward Pellissier, Lloyd Rich and Helen Williams. We would also like to thank the Leo Club for their contribution as well as the other families who gave equipment and supplies to the service.

The Ambulance Association meets monthly at the fire station, presided by Beverly Duncan and Nat Smith. Dana Brownstein is recording secretary; Nick Phelps is in charge of continuing education sessions.

Janice Scott continues to be in charge of "thank you" letters written for the many donations our Service receives. Mary Priscilla Howes has been in charge of the scrapbook. Del Haskins maintains the ambulance and keeps it sparkling clean. Sanford Johnson coordinates the dispatching. A committee chaired by Carmen DeLuca investigated the purchase of a new ambulance. Joe Cetto remains our ever faithful radio communications man whenever the ambulance goes out on a run.

Approximately 20 dispatchers arrange to have the crews available on a 24-hour basis. They meet once a month for business and continuing education sessions.

During the past year, five new EMT's were trained and added to our roster, making a total of 19 now serving the town.

They are Dianne Field, Sanford Johnson, Pat Phelps, Ivy Tirrell and Marge Williams; Richard Rudinski moved into town and joined the service. Auxiliary crew members serve as a back-up force in time of need. Regrettably, four EMT's moved out of town during the year.

The EMT's must keep their certification updated by attending 50 hours of continuing education sessions a year. During 1978 more of our personnel received certification in the use of the Esophageal Obturator Airway at the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. EMT's also attend ambulance critiques held by the Emergency Departments of both the Franklin County Public Hospital and the Cooley Dickinson Hospital for indepth analysis of case runs. All EMT's must be recertified in CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) once a year. Personnel also earn their necessary course hours through other programs offered by the Emergency Departments of the area hospitals as well as by the Franklin County EMT Association and our own Association.

Carmen DeLuca, Nick Phelps and Nat Smith continue to conduct CPR courses in the town; Pat Phelps has just received her instructors certification. Charlie Buck, Carmen DeLuca and Nat Smith are certified as Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Instructors. The Ashfield Parish Committee on Community Concerns has been invaluable in organizing CPR and First Aid courses for townspeople, for which we thank them.

During the Fall Festival, members of the Ambulance Association were available in the fire house to teach artificial resuscitation to interested townspeople and visitors. This program was organized by Pat Phelps and Pat Chandler. At the same time Beverly Brownstein organized a tea-and-cookie sale at Friendship Hall, the proceeds of which have been put into a NOW account for the Association.

State ambulance regulations require that an ambulance service have two certified EMT's available for duty at all times. In order to facilitate meeting this requirement, the Service has



purchased six portable pocket pagers. These pagers will be especially valuable during the day when crew members are busy and away from the phone.

Much State mandated equipment has been purchased in order to keep the present ambulance up to code, including an I.V. holder, an oxygen demand valve, additional oxygen tanks, a second "jump kit", a larger fire extinguisher and more interior lights.

At town meeting this year we are asking the town to purchase a new ambulance. The State of Massachusetts ambulance regulations have disallowed the "Cadillac" type vehicle for emergency service, though we have been allowed to use our present vehicle on a waiver since July, 1977. If the citizens of Ashfield wish to maintain their own service after July of 1979, a new ambulance must be ordered in the near future. The only possible alternative would be to contract a private company to cover the town.

The Ambulance Service in the past has been self-sustaining, operating solely on the gifts and earnings gathered over the years. This will be the first time in the 26 years of its existence that we will have to ask the townspeople for help in funding.

The new ambulance that we are considering, a van type, will cost around \$ 27,000. The Ambulance Service has approximately \$ 5000.00 which could be applied to this purchase. We are, therefore, asking the town for approximately \$ 22,000. The money received on the sale of the present vehicle would be returned to the town. We regret having to ask for this sum, but see no other route if we are to remain in service.

Another challenge for the new year will be to get more towns people trained as EMT's. We have a long list of people interested in taking the course. In the past the State funded the EMT courses given in the area; it no longer provides any support for training. We are thus working in cooperation with other towns and the Franklin County EMT Association on developing a certified course for the spring.

Three CPR dolls have been purchased through contributions

amounting to \$ 953.95 for use by towns people in the training for artificial resuscitation and CPR. Thanks must be given to Brian Howes who organized the door-to-door fund-raising, to the families and to the following organizations which contributed to the fund - the Ashfield Parish, the Ambulance Association, Boy Scout troops, the Firemen's Association, the Police men's Association and the Sanderson Academy PTO. Contributions to this fund are welcomed and will be used to replace used parts

All members of the Service express their appreciation to Ashfield for the opportunity to contribute their time and skills in order to make the experience of medical need and transportation both safer and less frightening.

Beverly K. Duncan and  
Nathaniel Smith Co-Directors  
*Ashfield Ambulance Service*

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING REPORT**

I am pleased to submit this report as my first year as director and public health nurse for the Ashfield, Conway, Whately, Sunderland Public Health Nursing Agency.

The nursing agency, certified by the state of Massachusetts to bill for third party payments such as medicare, medicaid, and blue cross and blue shield, provides home health care to all residents of the four towns. Other services provided are home health aids, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. Referrals are made by physicians, hospitals, and patients of their families.

A total of 1,085 nursing visits were made this year in comparison to the 863 visits made in 1977. Of this number, 154 visits were made in Ashfield. There were 393 home health aid visits made totaling 876 hours during 1978. Of these visits, 123 were made in Ashfield totaling 190 hours.

A total of \$ 3,394 was collected for patient visits from the four towns. Ashfield was reimbursed \$ 979 of the money received.

In an attempt to be more accessible to townspeople and provide more efficient service to the community, I have an answering service at my office in the Town Hall in Sunderland where messages may be received (665-4016).

Meetings are held at least four times yearly with the board of selectmen, nursing advisory committee, and professional advisory committee.

I would like to especially thank the board of selectmen for their continued support, interest, and concern for the health care system in their community which is so vitally important in promoting and maintaining the highest quality of health care to the residents of Ashfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Grybko, R.N.

## **Report of the Veterans' Agent Western Franklin District**

I am pleased to submit my first report as Director of the Veterans Service Center. During the past year I have found that there are many veterans and their families from the various towns who need help and assistance in obtaining the benefits available to them.

Ever since there has been an America for which men fought and died there have been veterans benefits in one form or another. This office is primarily concerned with two established programs to help veterans and their dependents. One is commonly known as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Veterans Benefits program prescribed by Chapter 115 of the General Laws and the other is the Federal program under the Veterans Administration outlined by Title 38, United States Code.

Last year, in accordance with the State laws, this office was able to provide financial aid to seventy four needy veterans and their families.. The money they received came from their town of residence which was reimbursed by the State at the rate of 50 %. A total of \$ 24,391.00 was used to provide such necessities as food, clothing, and personal needs. Some families needed fuel and these costs amounted to \$ 2,902.00. Doctor, Dentist and Hospital bills were paid for them also which added up to \$ 14,459.00.

Under the Federal program we received over sixteen hundred requests for help. These consisted of inquiries about VA Housing Loans; VA Education Loans; VA Pensions; Claims for Indemnity Compensation and in helping veterans and their dependents to complete the appropriate forms.

We were also able to assist the widows of fourteen veterans who passed away last year. Many were only vaguely aware that the Federal Government provides free grave stones or markers, in addition to burial allowances and pensions to those with limited means.

Since I am a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Mass., I was privileged to be of help to those who needed papers notarized.

Over seventeen hundred American Flags were placed on Veterans Graves last year during Memorial Day. Not only the American Legion and the VFW performed this patriotic gesture but I found that each town has certain individuals who, year after year, have undertaken the responsibility to see that each veterans grave is appropriately decorated. To them we owe a sincere vote of thanks.

My goal for the future is to make this Center a one-stop convenient point for all those who meet the requirements for Veterans assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward P. Russell  
*Director*



# REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

*FISCAL.1978*

Balance July 1, 1977

\$ 3,611.24

**RECEIPTS:.....**

Town of Ashfield	\$ 1,709.60
Town of Buckland	3,390.16
Town of Charlemont	1,196.72
Town of Colrain	2,051.52
Town of Conway	1,196.72
Town of Hawley	341.92
Town of Heath	512.88
Town of Monroe	1,196.72
Town of Plainfield	341.92
Town of Rowe	854.80
Town of Shelburne	4,103.04
Flags and Markers	1,053.40
Photo Copies	1.35
Federal Withholdings	1,163.00
State withholdings	489.50
Retirement Withholdings	616.77

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\$ 20,420.02

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\$ 24,031.26

**PAYMENTS:**

Salary - Director	\$ 10,791.78
Salary - Clerk	1,635.15
Salary - Treas.	150.00
Rent	900.00
Office Expense	1,341.30
Agent's Expense	283.37
Janitor	120.00
Treas. Bond	40.00
County Retirement Assess.	1,276.00
Flags and Markers	876.75
Treas. Checks	10.22
Misc.	39.99
Internal Revenue FWT	1,163.00

Comm. of Mass. SWT	489.50	
County of Franklin Ret.	616.77	
	-----	\$ 19,733.83
Balance June 30, 1978		----- \$ 4,297.43

Olive E. Wood,

*Treasurer*

# **Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program**

JULY 1, 1977 to JUNE 30, 1978

I take this opportunity to thank the public officials and the people of member towns for their assistance and cooperation in all aspects of this office's operation and activities.

I welcome the Town of Shelburne into the Cooperative and offer this office's time and services in making as smooth a transition as possible.

From time to time, preliminary flood plain maps are being made available to this office to identify the flood zones in each town. Our office now must determine the location of new buildings or additions on these maps to satisfy the lenders of mortgage money to determine if federal flood insurance is required on a structure. Should a structure be in the 100-year flood zone, it must be designed, located and engineered to withstand the flood forces.

All Massachusetts Towns Protective Zoning By-laws are being changed to conform to State Statute regulations. I keep in our files and have available copies of these zoning bylaws and I am available to interpret them or obtain interpretations from other sources.

Considerable confusion has developed regarding the wood stove (solid fuel) installation and inspection. The Massachusetts Building Code requires a building permit for the installation of a new wood stove. Our inspection will be of distances required from combustables and method of stove and smoke pipe installation. All existing stoves are under the jurisdiction of the fire official. I strongly urge anyone who has or is installing a wood stove to also install a smoke detector. If one is in doubt about any aspect of a wood stove installation or smoke

detector either call this office 774 - 3806 or your local fire official.

I report the following activities for the Fiscal Year 1978 on a separate page.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward D. Crafts  
*Building Commissioner*

*Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program*  
Fiscal Year Report July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978

Town	Permits	Value	Dwellings	Permit Fees	Certif. of Occ.	Certif. of Inspec.	C-I Fees Collected
Ashfield	61	\$ 672,046.	12	\$ 1,176.	7	5	50.
Barnardston	61	475,044.	11	1,086.	6	7	75.
Buckland	55	252,454.	4	581.	3	14	155.
Charlemont	43	450,281.	10	782.	7	14	175.
Erving **	35	127,641.	2	349.	5	12	150.
Gill	40	658,116.	5	779.	4	34	797.
Hawley	17	131,575.	2	254.	0	2	55.
Heath	21	281,275.	6	394.	1	1	25.
Monroe	1	5,880.	0	13.	0	2	0
Shelburne *	10	223,596.	1	488.	0	1	0
Shutesbury	30	218,039.	3	448.	7	6	50.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>\$3,495,947.</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$ 6,350.</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>\$1,532.</b>

\* Figures for May & June 1978 Only- Shelburne joined Program May 1, 1978.

\*\* Do not charge permit fees - Figure is if fees were collected and are included in total.



# **MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL**

## **Superintendent of Schools Report**

The shared Superintendency for our several towns has been in existence for nine years. This period has been characterized by many changes. Some have improved the educational opportunities for our young people. Some have been bureaucratic changes mandated by state and federal status. Other changes have occurred because our society and culture are changing. Philosophical changes have taken place within committees as new pressures and needs emerge. New committee members bring new and differing philosophies to the current scene. But through all this period of time there has been a degree of stability, organization and cooperation, together with a sense of purposefulness, that did not characterize our schools in the sixties.

For better or worse, the American public school system is a product of the democratic process. Our own schools are a microcosm of the total that is America. In a democracy one gets from the system what one is willing to expend in commitment, imagination and toil. But with all the changes we have moved forward since 1970.

1. Our educational programs are more comprehensive.
2. Our teachers possess greater professional skills.
3. We meet the needs of individual students more realistically and effectively.
4. Our school plants are in better physical condition.
5. Our business procedures are more efficient resulting in the saving of tax dollars.

But in each of the above areas there is still room for further change and improvement. With the completion of my stewardship to the several towns at the end of the current school year a new period of educational leadership will begin. It is as Ten-nyson said :- "The old order changeth, yerlding place to new"

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur P. Silvester  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## **Report of the Principal**

The year 1978 has given us hindsight to many of the Ad Hoc recommendations which were made in December of 1976 and were put into effect in the 1977-78 school year. The recommendation which put Master Teachers into our structure has turned out to be a highly successful one. Master Teachers have reported a high degree of acceptance of their work and have felt that they have been instrumental in upgrading the disciplines in which they work. The input received from Master Teachers as well as Grade Level Coordinators has effectively increased the ability of the Principal to make decisions concerning the disciplines. One of the recommendations, the block time period put aside for Seventh Grade Language Arts, was found to be less than successful. It was found that our teachers and students found it difficult to work in this time and schedule structure, and it was decided to discontinue this schedule and to allow those teachers involved in the block to meet and plan either for a continuation of the block in 1979 or its complete cancellation.

In the last several years the articulation between the Sixth and Seventh grades has been a high priority and has taken a great deal of the planning time of the teachers in both the elementary and secondary schools. This articulation has expanded to a point where it is a grade 5-8 effort and in this year has made a most important contribution to the educational planning of the students in the Fifth through Eight Grades. A committee which has worked diligently over the past two years has finalized its efforts with a determination to recommend that the Mohawk District accept a middle school concept as its goal for implementation in the near future. The School Committee has accepted this recommendation. The co-chairpersons of this committee have introduced and had accepted a two year time line under which our grades 5-8 can implement the middle school concept into our school district. This concept takes into consideration many elements which are important

to the educational and social growth and development of students of ages 11-15.

Additions to our curriculum at Mohawk this year included additional language courses in several grades as well as another Math Fundamentals course to round out our mathematics offerings. In the area of Industrial Arts, several courses were changed to encompass units of other courses and to better centralize informational offerings in several areas. An Auto Mechanics I course was offered as well as a Metal Working II course. Also, one of the Woodworking Courses was changed so that a better sequence in woodworking could be offered. In other areas of the school, various subjects have expanded in their concepts and activities, namely Distributive Education and Business.

The school was a recipient of a new federal grant of typing and bookkeeping hardware for our business curriculum in the amount of over \$ 20,000. The equipment that we received enables our students in that area to further their understanding of the business world in both equipment and procedures.

Every year the Resource Center takes its place as an important influence in the educational atmosphere of the school. This year it has been no different in that respect and has shown a considerable increase in total print and non-print circulation and has expanded and updated the total collections which we house in that area. The Resource Center also sponsors the annual Arts Festival and the Artist of the Month Program. Specialized collections are developed in areas such as drama and current affairs and are able to be viewed by our students. Also, this year a Title IV B Grant was used to obtain a new video tape porta pak unit and this is utilized by teachers and students in practically every subject area.

A memorable event of our past year was the production and staging of a musical for the first time at Mohawk. It encompassed the use of several of our musical organizations including our orchestra and singing groups and specialized groups organized for the production. This production was unusual



because it was the first all - school musical and utilized all grades in its production.

Another important development this year has been the presentation of workshops for a new discipline system known as the William Glasser 10 Step Discipline System. It is a concentrated effort on the part of the faculty and administration to systemize and make consistent the procedures which are used to help students to adjust to the school and to maintain suitable discipline. At this point in time the faculty is at the point where it must decide whether it will accept and continue this new discipline system.

One cannot report the happenings of this year without mentioning the Educational Standing Committee which was created by the Chairman of the School Committee. It has had for its agenda those topics which are high priority in the educational climate of the school. Some of the topics that have been discussed have been Basic Competency Testing, the standards for graduation diplomas, and the servicing of gifted children. This committee functions in a discussions context and makes recommendations to the School Committee for action on its topics.

Activities continue to be an integral part of Mohawk life. A high percentage of students are involved in one or more of the activities offered here. This continues to create a positive atmosphere in the school, blending the academic and extra-curricular into a well - balanced whole.

In retrospect, our school has taken a considerable step towards stabilizing curriculum, and changing offerings to better service our student population. As a second effort I see a desire and effort to improve the discipline climate as well as the academic climate.

Respectfully Submitted,  
I. Melvin Abrahamson  
*Principal*



# **Administrator of Special Education Annual Report**

The past year has been a busy one for the special education programs throughout the nine town area.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts special education law has been joined by federal special education legislation, PL 94-142, PL 89-313 and Section 504 of the civil rights legislation, mandating equal education opportunities for the handicapped. The Chapter 766 Regulations have been revised to incorporate the additional mandates from the federal laws.

On the local level the major emphasis has been on the following areas:

1. To formulate and adhere to standard procedures in order to cope with the reams of paperwork required by federal and state bureaucracy. By instituting such procedures we have been able to ensure that the maximum amount of time possible is devoted to direct educational services to special education students.
2. Building the resources within our own schools to provide all facets of special education programs within our own schools and communities. Outside services are costly and less easily monitored for quality and effectiveness. With consultation support and in-service training we are able to offer high quality special education services within our own communities for a fraction of the cost of outside programs and the transportation to such programs. Most important, students and their families do not have the added burden of traveling many miles to receive the necessary educational and support services.
3. Pursuit of other sources of funding to provide mandated support services to special education students. In ad-

dition to services paid for by Medicaid and private insurances we have been the recipients for the last two years of a federal grant under PL 94-142. Under this grant, the nine town area has had the services of a full time adjustment counselor who provides services to students within the school setting and to families within their own communities. This funding for last year was \$15,200 and for the current year increased to \$16,500. For the coming school year we will be entitled to approximately \$31,000. These federal grants have provided services which otherwise would have to be provided by local funds.

In mid November Mohawk Trail Regional High School was visited by an audit team comprised of members of the Department of Education, regular education teachers and administrators and special education techers from other school districts. The comprehensive program audit was very positive in nature which was more gratifying to the special education staff at Mohawk Trail Regional High School. The special education staff at Mohawk Trail Regional School is grateful to the regular education administration nd faculty for continuing support and encouragement in meeting the ambitious goals mandated by 766. The audit report is available for perusal at the Superintendents Office.

For the coming year we plan to continue an active search for the most effective, economical way of meeting the special education mandates state and federal. As one federal official phrased it, "It's a case of wag or be wagged." While we do not have the choice of whether to implement the special education laws we have considerable choice as to how we will implement the laws. By pursuing this course of action we have been able in the last two years not just to hold the line financially but to decrease special education costs within the nine towns considerably even while improving the quality of services offered.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to students, parents, school committees, administrators, faculties

and other staff members of the nine town area for all their help and support in the past two years. I look forward to continued cooperation in the coming year.

I would be pleased to discuss the special education legislation and related programs and services with any interested community members at any time. Please feel free to contact me at 625-2555 with any questions and concerns you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,  
ANNE M. FINCK  
Administrator of Special Education

## Resource Center Report

The following statistical information has been compiled for the school year 1977-1978:

Total print and nonprint circulation	8,458
Material borrowed from the Greenfield Public Library	64
Material sent to local elementary schools through interlibrary loan	266
Number of classes coming to the Resource Center for special project work or instruction	345

Specialized collections are being developed in such areas as drama and current affairs, and after school use of the Resource Center for research and reading has increased noticeably. We were sorry to lose Media Specialist Marty Swist, who accepted a position in Saudi Arabia. His responsibilities have been assumed by full time staff members. With our annual allocation of Title IV B money a new video tape porta pak unit was purchased and is being utilized by teachers and students in all subject areas.

Many thanks to the following people for their gifts to the library:

Neil Potter, Bill Kiendzior, Mr. and Mrs. Deane Jones, Mr. and Mr. Calvin Call, Gladys Shumway, Betsy Beebe, Polly Bartlett, and Jim Bissell.

Respectfully submitted,  
SUSAN SILVESTER  
Director of Instructional Media

## **Report of the Business Manager**

To: Arthur P. Silvester, Superintendent of Schools

Herewith, is contained my report as Business Manager for the several districts and departments in the nine-town shared superintendency.

Substantial efforts and progress has been made in implementing planned preventative maintenance programs at all schools, involving not only the physical plants themselves, but an ever-increasing inventory of necessary equipment and materials. Citizens can take pride in the excellent condition our several schools are in, noting at the same time, they are subject to more and more use.

Mr. Floyd Parker was elected as head custodian at Mohawk Trail Regional High School replacing Mr. Sanford Jenks who retired after serving in this capacity since the school was opened.

Juster-Pope Associates prepared an energy study and audit of electrical consumption at the high school, replete with recommendations for future savings. To date, substantial modifications in the lighting and ventilation systems have been completed, and a 365 day electrical programmer will be installed to further reduce the rate of electrical consumption.

New rotary gang mowers have been purchased which will help care for the forty acres of lawn and playing fields on the campus. A new storage building will be erected by the summer of 1979 to house this, and other grounds care equipment, as storage space within the extant building grows increasingly scarcer. In an effort to maintain the floors and prolong their life, a new floor scrubbing and buffing machine was also purchased this year.

Cafeteria Manager John LaBelle and staff continue to provide one of the best high school lunch programs in Western Massachusetts. The school committee voted not to implement a state-mandated breakfast program, allowing the currently



existing breakfast program to be made available to those students who wish to take advantage of it.

Mohawk Bus Corporation has continued to provide excellent transportation services for the high school in its third year of a three year contract. A successor contract is expected to be awarded in the spring of 1979, following the revision of routes and the preparation of bid documents, Mohawk Bus Corporation was awarded a three-year contract for the transportation of Ashfield students to Sanderson Academy, succeeding C.W. Ward and Sons who have provided years of fine service to the town.

Sanderson Academy is indeed fortunate to have Mr. Richard Arabia as building custodian. Mr. Arabia's efforts and achievements are clearly evident to persons who visit the Academy. The north and west sides of the building were painted in August of 1977, and the remainder of the building due to be repainted in the summer of 1979 with monies made available through the Fred Cross Fund. Needed roof repairs are planned to be finished during the summer as well. The new oil burner has proved to be a wise investment, reducing oil consumption. The committee has authorized the continuation of work designed to gradually convert most lighting in the Academy from incandescent to fluorescent which will further conserve energy.

Mrs. Phyllis Graves and staff continue to provide an excellent hot lunch programs for students.

Respectfully submitted,  
DAVID NEWELL  
Business Manager

# School Treasurer's Report

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the calendar year 1978 are as follows:

January 1, 1978 Cash on Hand	\$ 45,359.41
Received:	
Town Assessments:	\$1,622,549.02
Commonwealth of Massachusetts reimbursements:	
Chapter 766	134,762.00
Vocational Education	13,947.00
Vocational Education Transportation	15,647.00
Transportation	119,902.00
Chapter 74	3,302.00
Chapter 76	14,355.00
State Aid	26,217.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
Chapter 70	147,034.00
Chapter 71	108,793.00
Title IVB	4,585.95
Title VI	9,844.22
PL 94-482 (Keyboarding)	20,272.00
Cafeteria	35,723.22
Payroll Deductions	380,815.98
Revolving Funds	
School Lunch Collections	65,030.81
School Athletics	5,174.31
School Music	1,093.95
Reimbursements to 5000 Accounts	5,174.31
Reimbursements to 4000 Accounts	590.82
Reimbursements to 2000 Accounts	75.00
Evening School Fees	1,370.00
Interest on Savings Accounts	7,709.72
Interest on NOW Account	12,214.08
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Reimbments.	823.74
Tax Annuity Refund	345.00

Credit Union Refund	75.00	
Telephone Commissions	275.87	
Lost & Damaged Books	96.64	
Shop Projects	151.50	
Use of Building & Materials	346.74	
Refunds	16,405.72	
Miscellaneous	25.45	
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Total Receipts:	\$2,828,607.01	2,828,607.01
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Total Cash and Receipts:		\$2,873,966.42
<b>Paid:</b>		
Operations:		
Administration:	56,467.45	
Instruction:	997,219.93	
Other School Services:	256,043.90	
Operation & Maintenance Plant	188,577.25	
Fixed Charges	76,200.09	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	18,435.36	
Debt & Debt Retirement	162,400.00	
Vocational Education:		
Instruction	15,354.79	
Transportation	44,107.36	
Operation & Maintenance Plant	160.00	
Acquisition Fixed Assets	529.30	
Tuition—Day	26,631.20	
Tuition—Evening	255.00	
Special Education:		
Instruction	94,041.61	
Other School Services	20,340.34	
Operation & Mtce. Plant	736.30	
Acquisition Fixed Assets	21.38	
Other Districts-Tuition	16,358.96	
Federal Grants-PL 94-23	949.37	
Federal Grants-PL 94-482	18,978.06	
Title IV B	3,936.03	
Title VI A	11,520.00	
Title VI B	6,501.97	
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	101,645.35	
School Athletics	5,060.96	
School Music	1,151.96	

Payroll Deductions	380,837.31	
Estimated Receipts	262.58	
	-----	
Total Paid:	\$2,504,723.81	\$2,504,723.81
Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1979		369,242.61
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Total Cash and Payments:		\$2,873,966.42
Other Assets on Hand as of January 1, 1979		
Certificates of Deposit:	122,432.06	
90 Day Notice Savings Accounts	159,563.63	
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	\$ 281,995.69	\$ 281,995.69
Cash on Hand:		369,242.61
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Total Assets as of January 1, 1979:		\$ 651,238.30

# Financial Statement Report

Expenditures   Expenditures  
6 Months   6 Months  
1-1-78—6-30-78   7-1-78—12-31-78

## ADMINISTRATION

Legal Services	209.75	.00
Treasurer's Salary	900.00	875.00
Contracted Services	783.12	770.84
Treasurer's Supplies	565.90	83.17
School Committee Expenses	698.21	843.35
Treasurer's Bond	396.00	.00
Administrative Salaries	9,064.18	9,011.27
Clerical Salaries	11,323.72	11,900.19
Contracted Services	1,788.10	1,022.67
Supt. Office Supplies	2,033.78	3,647.74
Supt. Office Other Expenses	414.91	629.55
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>28,177.67</b>	<b>28,783.78</b>

## INSTRUCTION

Coordinators' Salaries	7,289.51	6,298.01
Tutor-Read. Aide-Gr.Lvl.Coord.Aide	5,297.85	3,964.11
Curriculum Development	838.42	25.00
Supervision - Supplies	128.54	96.84
Supervision - Expenses	23.04	4.80
Administration Salaries	18,624.80	20,275.20
Clerical Salaries	12,013.70	11,832.19
Contracted Services	2,635.31	3,508.43
Principal's Office Supplies	1,547.71	1,299.68
Principal's Office Expenses	473.04	665.36
Graduation	563.09	98.28
Teachers' Salaries	409,688.90	343,689.50
Teacher Aides	6,724.97	5,080.89
Contracted Services	804.29	1,283.00
Teachers' Supplies	6,760.48	18,648.39
Teachers' Expenses	877.44	202.20
Textbooks	7,418.27	6,346.23
Librarians' Salaries	9,049.14	7,414.10



Libr. Ass't.-Libr. Aide Salaries	5,950.42	4,435.46
Library Supplies	1,127.46	2,462.60
Library Expenses	118.04	77.10
Audio-Visual Aide Salary	2,030.96	1,634.33
Audio-Visual Supplies	1,925.11	2,580.79
Guidance Salaries	26,611.82	27,832.76
Guidance Clerk Salary	3,075.02	3,350.03
Contracted Services	358.62	27.47
Guidance Supplies	434.92	572.21
Guidance Expenses	111.93	60.15
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>532,502.82</b>	<b>473,765.11</b>

### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer - Salary	166.66	83.34
Attendance Officer - Expenses	50.67	.00
Health Salaries	6,217.79	4,850.94
Health Supplies	10.85	361.38
Health Expenses	.00	.00
Leased Buses - Salaries	2,152.50	1,260.00
Leased Buses - Supplies	1,542.62	1,328.70
Pupil Transportation Contracts	111,445.19	83,032.00
Pupl Transportation Field Trips	.00	.00
Food Services	4,824.95	4,980.78
Athletics	8,429.45	8,490.05
<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>134,840.68</b>	<b>104,387.19</b>

### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	36,440.45	32,896.80
Custodial Supplies	4,950.55	4,362.48
Heat - Crittenden Bldg.	4,353.77	.00
Electrical Energy - High School	37,175.77	39,199.48
Utilities-Crittenden Bldg.-Tel., Elec., Water, Swg.	2,464.84	2,273.60
Utilities-H.S. Telephones	3,229.45	1,849.61
Yards & Grounds - Crittenden Bldg.	.00	.00
Yards & Grounds - Contract H.S.	.00	.00
Yards & Grounds - Supplies	1,611.08	1,653.28
Bldg. Maint. - Supplies (Crittenden)	44.18	511.97
School Bldg. Maint. Contract	4,928.20	3,488.40

School Bldg. Maint. - Supplies	986.66	3,031.86
School Bldg. Maint.-Energy Conservation	---	.00
Supt. Ofc.-Eq. Maintenance & Repair	.00	.00
Supt. Ofc.-Bldg. Equip. Maintenance	.00	---
School Bldg. Built-in Equip. Maint. Contract	27.50	72.00
School Bldg. Maint. - Supplies	1,320.38	1,859.46
Equip. Maintenance Repairs - High School	4,172.86	720.70
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TOTAL OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	101,705.69	91,919.64

### FIXED CHARGES

Franklin County Retirement	367.37	
	23,768.00	.00
Insurance-Critt. Bldg.—Supt. Ofc.	.00	1,232.00
Insurance-High School	4,974.92	1,077.00
Unemployment Insurance	.00	661.01
32B Health Insurance (District Share)	20,251.07	19,485.99
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TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	49,361.36	22,456.00

### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Acq. of New Equipment-Supt. Ofc.	180.79	19.98
Acq. of New Equipment-High School	6,659.69	932.22
Replacement of Equip.-Supt. Ofc.	494.40	920.69
Replacement of Equip.-High School	4,454.22	4,773.37
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	11,789.10	6,646.26

REGULAR BUDGET TOTALS	858,377.32	727,957.98
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### CAPITAL BUDGET

#### DEBT RETIREMENT

Debt Retirement-Principal	.00	140,000.00
Debt Retirement-Interest	.00	22,400.00
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TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT & INTEREST	.00	162,400.00
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CAPITAL BUDGET TOTALS	.00	162,400.00
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## SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

### INSTRUCTION

Sp. Ed.-Coordinator Salary	8,999.90	9,450.04
Sp. Ed. Aide (Clerical)	3,199.95	3,375.07
Sp. Ed.-Supplies	440.43	32.52
Sp. Ed.-Expenses	778.54	23.64
Sp. Ed.-Teachers' Salaries	18,347.94	17,082.51
Sp. Ed.-Home Instruction Salaries	.00	.00
Sp. Ed.-Para Professional—Aide Salaries	5,705.80	4,710.96
Sp. Ed.-Contracted Services	1,574.92	.00
Sp. Ed. - Supplies	84.32	486.21
Sp. Ed. - Expenses	406.46	73.26
Sp. Ed.-Textbooks	52.79	194.88
Sp. Ed.-Audio Visual Supplies	---	.00
Sp. Ed. - Intervention Counselor	8,312.15	.00
Sp. Ed.-Counselor Supplies	---	.00
Sp. Ed.-Counselor Expenses	---	.00
Sp. Ed.-School Psychologist Salary	---	4,198.18
Sp. Ed.-Work—Study Program Students'	.00	.00
Sp. Ed.-Diagnostic—Counselling—Test Serv.	4,582.74	1,806.00
Sp. Ed.-Psychologist Supplies	46.84	12.38
Sp. Ed.-Psychologist Expenses	---	63.18
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TOTAL INSTRUCTION	52,532.78	41,508.83

### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Sp. Ed.-Health Salaries	.00	466.24
Sp. Ed.-Health Expenses	.00	.00
Sp. Ed.-Transportation Contracts	867.36	57.42
Sp. Ed.-Adult Student Transportation	11,147.00	7,652.00
Sp. Ed.-Pupil Transp. Field Trips	120.32	30.00
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	12,134.68	8,205.66

### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Sp. Ed. - Telephone 625-2556	394.77	341.53
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TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	394.77	341.53

## ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Sp. Ed.-Acq. of New Equipment	.00	21.38
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	.00	21.38

## OTHER DISTRICTS

Sp. Ed.-Tuition	12,994.35	3,364.61
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TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS	12,994.35	3,364.61

SPECIAL ED. BUDGET TOTALS	78,056.58	53,442.01
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## VOCATIONAL BUDGET

### INSTRUCTION

Distributive Ed. - Teacher Salary	3,355.03	3,813.94
Distributive Ed. - Supplies	92.36	.00
Distributive Ed. - Expenses	14.52	28.80
Distributive Ed. - Textbooks	60.80	63.16
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TOTAL DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION	3,522.71	3,905.90

Adult Evening School - Salaries	3,066.80	4,811.94
Adult Evening School - Supplies	.00	12.40
Adult Evening School - Expenses	14.88	20.16
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TOTAL ADULT EVENING SCHOOL	3,081.68	4,844.50

TOTAL INSTRUCTION	6,604.39	8,750.40
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### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Vocational Day School-Parent Transp.	503.76	358.20
Vocational Day School-Transp. Contracts	2,107.20	19,173.20
Distributive Ed. Field Trip Transp.	.00	45.00
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	24,610.96	19,576.40

# OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Distributive Ed.-Maintenance—Supplies	.00	100.00
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TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	.00	100.00

# ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Acquisition of New-Equipment- Distr. Ed.	455.15	74.15
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIEXD ASSETS	455.15	74.15

# OTHER DISTRICTS

Vocational Day School - Tuition	26,631.20	.00
Vocational Evn. Trade School-Tuition	255.00	.00
Vocational Evn. Practical Arts-Tuition	.00	.00
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TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS	26,886.20	.00

# VOCATIONAL BUDGET TOTALS

58,556.70      28,500.95

# GRAND TOTALS - ALL BUDGETS

\$ 994,990.60    \$ 972,300.94

# GRAND TOTALS:

REGULAR ACADEMIC	858,377.32	727,957.98
SPECIAL EDUCATION	78,056.58	53,442.01
VOCATIONAL	58,556.70	28,500.95
CAPITAL - DEBT RETIREMENT	.00	162,400.00
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EXPENDITURES 1-1-78 — 6-30-78	\$ 994,990.60	
EXPENDITURES 7-1-78 — 12-31-78		\$ 972,300.94



# ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

10-1-77		78-'79		TOWN	10-1-78		79-'80		AMOUNT
ENROLLMENT	PERCENT	ENROLLMENT	PERCENT		ENROLLMENT	PERCENT	ENROLLMENT	PERCENT	
101	11.90			ASHFIELD	113	13.47			162,801.25
200	23.56			BUCKLAND	179	21.33			257,798.86
100	11.78			CHARLEMONT	97	11.56			139,716.59
143	16.84			COLRAIN	141	16.81			203,169.19
20	2.35			HAWLEY	17	2.03			24,535.01
37	4.36			HEATH	38	4.53			54,750.53
31	3.65			PLAINFIELD	35	4.17			50,399.49
31	3.65			ROWE	28	3.34			40,367.94
186	21.91			SHELBURNE	191	22.76			275,082.14
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849	100.00				839	100.00			1,208,621.00

# ASSESSMENTS ON CAPITAL BUDGET

TOWN	PERCENT	AMOUNT
ASHFIELD	11.9	14,581.55
BUCKLAND	19.3	23,649.06
CHARLEMONT	9.9	12,130.87
COLRAIN	16.3	19,973.04
HAWLEY	2.7	3,308.42
HEATH	4.3	5,268.96
PLAINFIELD	4.1	5,023.89
ROWE	11.5	14,091.41
SHELBURNE	20.0	24,506.80
<i>Totals</i>	<hr/> 100.0	<hr/> 122,534.00

VOCATIONAL DAY ASSESSMENTS AS PER AMENDED  
AGREEMENT UPON BASIS OF COST

VOCATIONAL DAY PUPILS - EXPENDITURES AS OF 6-30-78

TOWN	No. of Pupils	Tuition Paid	Transp. Paid	Total Cost	Tuition Reimb. By State	Transp. Reimb. By State	Net Tuition Assessment	Net Transp. Assessment	Total Net Assessment
Charlemont	4.5	8,746.59	6,167.04	14,913.63	2,499.03	3,095.01	6,247.56	3,072.03	9,319.59
Hawley	2.5	5,632.87	4,386.28	10,019.15	1,388.35	1,719.45	4,244.52	2,666.83	6,911.35
Ashfield	11.75	22,589.97	21,229.90	43,819.87	6,525.25	8,081.42	16,064.72	13,148.48	29,213.20
Plainfield	3.0	7,897.96	9,476.67	17,374.63	1,666.02	2,063.34	6,231.94	7,413.33	13,645.27
Buckland	2.0	2,546.72	.00	2,546.72	1,110.68	.00	1,436.04	.00	1,436.04
Colrain	1.0	2,030.00	.00	2,030.00	555.34	.00	1,474.66	.00	1,474.66
Shelburne	1.0	2,030.00	868.08	2,898.08	555.34	687.78	1,474.66	180.30	1,654.96
TOTALS	25.75	51,474.11	42,127.97	93,602.08	14,300.01	15,647.00	37,174.10	26,480.97	63,655.07

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

1979-1980

TOTAL \$155,840—12.894% Of Operating Budget After Deductions

1978-1979

TOTAL \$166,491—13.4039% Of Operating Budget After Deductions

### PER PUPIL COST

1979-1980

Operating Budget After Deductions	1,208,621
Per Pupil Cost	\$1,440.55
No. Of Pupils	839

1978-1979

Operating Budget After Deductions	1,242,100
Per Pupil Cost	\$1,463.02
No. Of Pupils	849

### PERCENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE

	Before Deductions	After Deductions
1977 - 78 BUDGET	\$1,743,891	\$1,438,891
1978 - 79 BUDGET	\$1,847,020	\$1,242,100
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DIFFERENCE	\$ 103,129	\$ 196,791

Percent of Increase or Decrease

5.9137%	13.6765%
INCREASE	DECREASE

	Before Deductions	After Deductions
1978 - 79 BUDGET	\$1,847,020	\$1,242,100
1979 - 80 BUDGET	\$1,929,621	\$1,208,621
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DIFFERENCE	\$ 82,601	\$ 33,479

Percent of Increase or Decrease

4.4721%	2.6953%
INCREASE	DECREASE

# **Report of the Sanderson Academy**

## **School Principal**

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester  
Superintendent of Schools  
Ashfield Street  
Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my report as Principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1978-1979.

### **ENROLLMENT — NOVEMBER 1, 1977**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total</b>
K	15	13	28
1	10	17	27
2	8	13	21
3	19	16	35
4	12	16	28
5	22	22	44
6	12	4	16
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>199</b>

### **FACULTY AND STAFF**

The Faculty of Sanderson has eleven full time teachers this year. Miss Rose Marie Smith was hired as a Special Needs Teacher to serve children K-6. There were no resignations from our regular faculty.

Two part time teachers, Mrs. Jessica Swist, Art Teacher and Miss Sharon Ostergren, Vocal Music Teacher, resigned. Miss Anne Marie Hanly and Mrs. Judith Kulp were hired to replace these two teachers.



## INSTRUCTION

Sanderson's enrollment had remained quite stable over the years. However, this past year has seen more transfers of students entering and leaving the school than in the past. There were 17 such transfers in September alone.

Conferences, in lieu of report cards, were held again for the first marking period. These conferences are most helpful to both the teachers and parents. It enables the teacher to do a better job of teaching and allows the parents an insight into their child's learning style.

The fifth and sixth grade teachers continued to meet with seventh and eight grade teachers to improve the transition of fifth and sixth grade students to Mohawk. These workshops will continue this year. The emphasis will be on teaching techniques and programs that work for the middle school child.

The Sanderson faculty has continued to benefit from the federally funded Seed Center. Under the auspices of the Seed Center, two courses have been taken this fall by our faculty here at school. The faculty, as a whole, regretted the loss of Ms. Gwen VanDorp as the Director of the Center. She brought much enthusiasm and knowledge to her position. We were pleased that the Center was funded for a fourth year to serve as a Model for other such programs in the State.

During the past year it became increasingly evident that children being served under Chapter 766 here at school were in need of a Learning Center Classroom. This classroom was to develop programs for our K-6 population that would otherwise have to be tuitioned out for part or all of the day. Miss Smith was hired to implement the program for our school. Under her management I feel we have successfully met the needs of these children.

The Mexican Program has continued for its fifth year. Mrs. Phyllis Arriaga, Principal of Colegio Hamilton School, was able to accompany 15 students from Mexico. She saw at first hand what living and learning in rural Massachusetts was like. Her enthusiasm for the program was unbounded. We both

agree that the program continues to be an unqualified success thanks to the effort of parents and schools in both countries.

The P.T.O. continues to be staunch supporters of the school and its' program. Their Christmas Fair gives the children a chance to buy quality gifts at a minimal cost. This year the P.T.O. has sponsored the Concert and Soup Supper to benefit the School Concert Program put on by the Mohawk Trail Concert Musicians. Mr. William Wittig and Mr. and Mrs. Sussman donated their talents for the benefit and we are indebted to them. This benefit will allow all the students to participate in all the concerts offered by the Mohawk Trail Concert Association Series this year.

Four hundred dollars was given to the school by an anonymous citizen. This money was to be used for concerts, musical instruments and playground equipment.

## MAINTENANCE

Smoke detectors and an outside alarm system have been installed in the school this year.

Updating of lighting fixtures was continued in two classrooms and the cafeteria. A tile floor was replaced in one classroom. Painting of the girls' bathroom was also done.

In closing, I would like to thank you, Mr. Silvester, for your guidance and genuine concern for the education of the students at Sanderson. Under your leadership the faculty have had an opportunity to grow and develop. This in turn has helped to improve the quality of education in our community. I am sure the faculty and staff join me in expressing thanks to you for a job well done

No school, as you know, can be successful without good leadership and the cooperation of all the faculty, staff, children, parents, and citizens of the town. I thank you all for your support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha A. Conant  
*Principal*

## School Nurse Report

I wish to submit the School Health report for the year ending 1978.

School visits are made a minimum of once weekly or at any other time the need arises. In an attempt to be more accessible to the school personnel and parents, and offer more efficient service to the community. I have an answering service at my office in the Town Hall in Sunderland where messages may be received (665-4016).

Hearing and vision screening was completed on all children. Notices of failures were sent to all parents with requests that children with defects be examined by an appropriate physician. Heights and weights were completed and recorded.

Physical examinations were done on children in grades three and five. Head lice checks were done on all children.

A health education class in dental hygiene was conducted for all third grade pupils and a class in menstruation was offered to the fifth and sixth grade girls with parental consent.

Throat cultures were done on an as needed basis for children with sore throats or when requested by parents. This is a free service sponsored by the American Heart Association.

An immunization clinic was held for children who were lacking minimum immunization requirements specified by the Department of Public Health.

The children appear to be in a good state of physical, social, and mental well-being with no epidemics, serious illness or injuries.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Conant and her staff for their support and cooperation in making my first year as school nurse such an enjoyable experience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Grybko,  
*School Nurse*

*SANDERSON ACADEMY  
ANNUAL LIBRARY REPORT*

Many new and exciting developments have contributed to the Sanderson Academy library-media program this year.

Seven active volunteers have held daily story hours in the library; combined with a policy of maintaining small additional collections of books right in the classrooms for grades K-2, direct access and exposure to many new titles especially benefit the younger children.

The popular annual book fair brought \$467.13 in total sales, to the school, and the profit of \$116.00 will be used to purchase new library books. A bonus gift of a cassette tape recorder is a welcome acquisition to the equipment inventory.

This year the expanded collection was weeded to reduce the number of outdated books, particularly in the areas of science and social studies. Most of the books deleted from the collection had been donated many years ago, and students were allowed to purchase them for ten cents apiece at the book fair.

A new card catalog has been purchased. Also, a round table donated from Mrs. Beebe's room is greatly appreciated.

Library aide Beverly Williams has prepared a new software catalog of all the nonprint holdings and has contributed a great deal to the library this year.

Susan Silvester  
*Director of Instructional Media*

# ASHFIELD SCHOOL BUDGET

## HOT LUNCH FUND

### RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1978		\$	778.66
Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$	1,090.84	
Student Lunchroom Sales		6,969.28	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursements		11,277.36	
Other Receipts		91.91	
Meal Tax		76.68	19,506.07
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			20,284.73

### EXPENSES:

Food		8,862.58	
Labor		6,515.28	
Supplies		505.80	
Meal Tax		80.13	15,963.79
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CASH BALANCE On Hand December 31, 1978 \$ 4,320.94

## MUSIC REVOLVING FUND

CASH ON HAND January 1, 1978 \$ 236.65

### RECEIPTS:

Rental of Instruments		90.00	
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	\$	326.65	

### EXPENSES:

Purchase of Instruments		0	
	\$	326.65	
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### ADMINISTRATION

School Committee Supplies	\$	0	\$	2.78
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School Committee Other	83.07	103.09
Administrative Salaries	1,272.48	1,393.56
Clerical Salaries	1,863.56	1,869.36
Contracted Services-Census	121.90	0
Administrative Travel	135.82	123.98
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 3,476.83</b>	<b>\$ 3,492.77</b>

#### INSTRUCTION

Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 1,104.40	\$ 1,029.41
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	397.50	349.08
Contracted Services-Curriculum	171.50	0
Supervisors' Other Expense	148.80	45.60
Principal's Salary	7,579.00	7,415.56
Principal's Clerical	2,541.46	2,059.53
Principal's Supplies & Materials	223.33	101.99
Principal's Other Expense	104.02	177.66
Teachers' Salaries	59,178.96	58,143.74
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	1,163.70	420.00
Teacher Aides	2,410.05	2,937.00
Contracted Services-Field Trips	0	600.00
Instructional Supplies	4,561.74	1,687.79
Other Expenses	163.39	160.55
Textbooks	31.73	91.22
Library Aide	1,062.65	0
Materials & Supplies	112.75	368.26
Audio-Visual Supplies	772.32	0
Audio-Visual Other Expense	0	0
Guidance Testing Supplies	148.86	141.41
Other Expense-Scoring	0	0
Guidance Salaries	0	0
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 81,876.16</b>	<b>\$ 75,728.80</b>

#### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer-Other Expense	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health Salaries-School Physician	200.00	0
Health Supplies	8.22	26.76

Pupil Transportation, Contracted	18,375.00	9,361.95
Cafeteria Salaries	738.04	1,623.79
Student Body Activities	0	64.20
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	\$ 19,321.26	\$ 11,076.70
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salary	\$ 4,850.23	\$ 4,811.28
Heating	9,484.62	0
Utilities	3,410.71	3,011.66
Maintenance of Grounds, Contracted	440.00	0
Maintenance of Grounds, Supplies	5.50	0
Maintenance of Building, Contracted	3,085.58	283.90
Maintenance of Building, Supplies	320.20	75.16
Maintenance of Equipment, Contracted	277.00	104.50
Maintenance of Equipment, Supplies	194.59	103.27
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TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	\$ 22,991.37	\$ 8,889.88
FIXED CHARGES		
Insurance	\$ 808.94	0
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TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	\$ 808.94	0
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
New Equipment	\$ 400.20	\$ 1,852.54
Replacement of Equipment	455.99	256.20
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	\$ 856.19	\$ 2,108.74
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 2,631.75	\$ 685.00
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TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 2,631.75	\$ 685.00
SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 131,962.50	\$ 101,981.89
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**INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 3,428.36	\$ 3,320.04
Substitute Teachers	0	0
Teacher Aides	608.45	0
Contracted Services-Speech	1,882.11	170.32
Instructional Supplies	293.61	352.45
Other Expense	0	7.20
Textbooks	0	0
Psychological Salaries	2,881.19	2,892.52
Psychological Contracted Services	0	121.00
Psychological Supplies	169.67	6.40
Other Expense-Travel & Conferences	175.00	0

<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 9,438.39</b>	<b>\$ 6,869.93</b>
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**OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 457.44
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<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 1,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 457.44</b>
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**PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 6,548.00	\$ 3,519.00
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<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,548.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,519.00</b>
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**SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET**

	\$ 17,246.39	\$ 10,846.37
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<b>GRAND TOTAL: OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 149,208.89</b>	<b>\$ 112,828.26</b>
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# TOWN WARRANT

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin,                      Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the seventh day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:-

**ART. 1.** To choose a Moderator, Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer and Tree Warden, each for One Year. One Selectman and Board of Public Health Member, One Assessor, Tax Collector, One Member of the Sanderson School Committee and One Park Commissioner, each for Three Years. One Planning Board Member and One Library Trustee, each for Five Years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 3:00 P.M.

**ART. 2.** To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

**ART. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Board of Health. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000.00 under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, and transfer into a General Highway Fund. Said money to be reimbursed under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$12,000.00 to be used in conjunction with any monies allotted by the State under Chapter 356, Acts of 1977. Said money to be used on Town Roads, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and - or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$40,251.00; the sum of \$35,251.00 to be used under the provisions of Chapter 356, Acts of 1977, and the sum of \$5,000.00 under the provisions of Chapter 765, Acts of 1972, per Fiscal 1979 contracts with the State, in anticipation of 100% reimbursement, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen and Assessors as the Finance Committee, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and - or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the following accounts for the 1980 Fiscal Year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee:

Assessors' Expenses	\$ 3,860.00
Bonds	600.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00
Elections	650.00
Fires & Equipment	5,636.00
F. C. Retirement System	15,895.00



Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	2,000.00
Highway Dept.:	
Paid Vacations & Holidays	4,500.00
Sick Leave	1,600.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance-Town Buildings & Equip.	8,000.00
Memorial Day	350.00
Office-Clerical	7,800.00
Office Expense	2,000.00
Planning Board Expenses	250.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,800.00
Registrars	225.00
Street Lights	3,000.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	500.00
Town Counsel	2,000.00
Town Dump	5,300.00
Town Hall	2,000.00
Town Officers	7,300.00
Treasurer's Expenses	500.00
Tree Warden	2,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	2,329.74
Workmen's Compensation	5,600.00
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Total:	\$ 90,170.74

**ART. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1979, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4,

and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ART. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Park and Beach Maintenance, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 for a Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$710.00 for that purpose. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,274.00 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$1,274.00 be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

**ART. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned Equipment, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the 1980 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the balance of the Machinery Earnings as of June 30, 1979 and transfer to the 1980 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account

to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

**ART. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1978 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts (\$1,647.30) to the 1979 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury a sum of money to purchase a new Ambulance for the Town of Ashfield, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,348.00 for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield - Sunderland - Whately - Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto. Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to paint a portion of Sanderson Academy and to authorize the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer to draw on the Frederick A. Cross General Purpose Fund for this amount, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$13,700.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00 to be used for the general operations of the Police Department, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library, and to accept any state or federal aid, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$206,596.00 (Capital, \$14,581.55; Operating \$162,801.25; Vocational, \$29,213.20) to pay the Town's share of the 1979-80 capital cost, operating and vocational budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 306,732.00 for the support of public schools. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civil Defense, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,616.37 to pay Ashfield's Share of the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 32.** (This Article by petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$155.44 to reimburse the Ashfield Historical Society, Inc. for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Real Estate Tax paid by the Society in 1978.

**NOTE:** This warrant appears as a matter of information only. The OFFICIAL TOWN WARRANT may contain changes and-or additions.

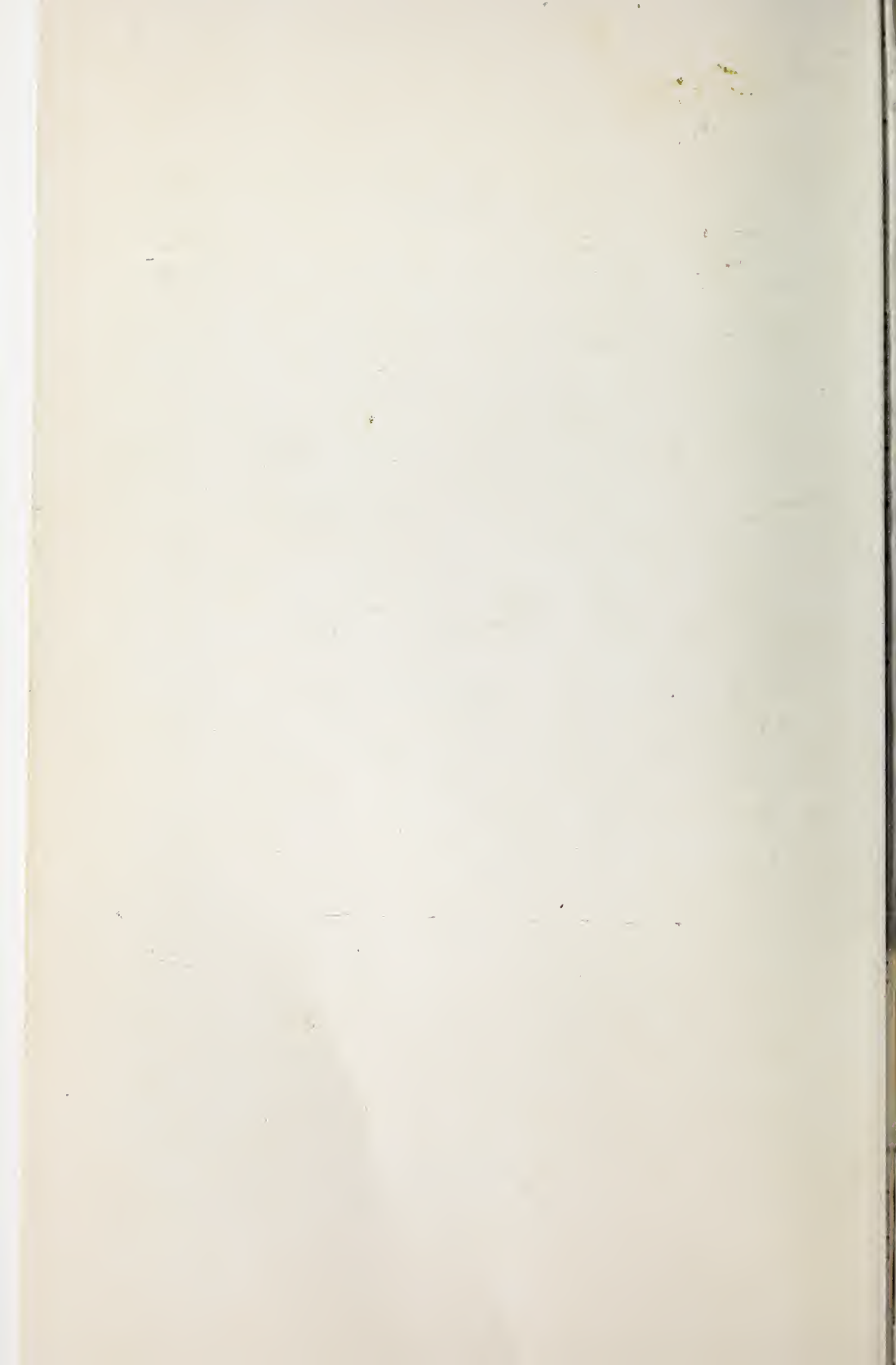
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**Selectmen of Ashfield**



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TOWN of ASHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS







## DEDICATION

*This Annual Report is dedicated to an Ashfield citizen who has devoted nearly twenty years of service to the Town.*

*Linwood B. Lesure first served as Moderator in 1963. After a term as Selectman and Assessor from 1965 to 1968, he resumed as Moderator in 1971 to the present day. He also served on the Conservation Commission from 1968 to the present and has held many other Town Offices.*

*Linwood Lesure's strong belief in public service has led him to serve in many other capacities beyond the Town. Among other positions he holds or has held are Director of the Franklin County Farm Bureau of the Mohawk Trail Association, of the County Home Care Corporation and of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation. Other positions include Supervisor of the Franklin County Conservation District and member of the Executive Committee of the Franklin County Planning Board, the State Commission for Conservation, the Governor's Advisory Committee for Recreational Vehicles and the North American Maple Syrup Council. He is a former President of the Massachusetts Christmas Tree Association, the Berkshire Pioneer Maple Producers, and the National Maple Syrup Council. All these duties - by no means a complete list - were undertaken by a man leading a full life as farmer and manager of the Lesure Tree Farm.*

*He received high honors in his profession when in 1977 he was named National Tree Farmer of the Year by the American Forest Institute, after winning the Massachusetts and New England Regional competitions. A major factor in his winning the award, in addition to his innovative forestry work, was his extensive participation in community affairs.*

*But it is as Moderator that the people of Ashfield know him best. His judgment, efficiency, and above all his fairness*

*in conducting Town Meetings have played a crucial role in making Town government work in Ashfield. We must respect his decision not to run again, but it is hard to imagine a Town Meeting not conducted under his leadership. Our only consolation is that we know he will continue to serve the Town in many ways in the future.*

Annual Report  
OF THE  
Officers and Committees  
OF THE TOWN OF  
ASHFIELD



MASSACHUSETTS  
For The Year Ending 1979

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**U.S. SENATORS**

**PAUL TSONGAS**

**EDWARD M. KENNEDY**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

**SILVIO O. CONTE, PITTSFIELD**

**STATE SENATOR**

**JOHN W. OLVER, AMHERST**

**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

**JONATHAN L. HEALY, CHARLEMONT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JOHN F. BASSETT, TURNERS FALLS**

**MARGARET H. HERLIY, GREENFIELD**

**EVERETT B. HATCH, GREENFIELD**

# TOWN OFFICERS

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday at the Town Office. Time schedule is as follows:

Monday Afternoons:	1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Nov. 1 through April 30
Monday Evenings:	7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. May 1 through Oct. 31

1 yr. Terms

**MODERATOR**  
LINWOOD B. LESURE

**AUDITOR**  
JOHN L. PARKER

1 yr. Terms

**CLERK**  
ELEANOR M. WARD

**TREASURER**  
FAYE WHITNEY-LUSSIER

**TREE WARDEN**  
RAMON R. SEARS

**TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. Term**

JANE E. WARD

Term expires 1982

**SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. Term**

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1980

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1981

RUSSELL FESSENDEN

Term expires 1982

**ASSESSORS 3 yr. Term**

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1980

WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER

Term expires 1981

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1982

**FINANCE COMMITTEE Appointment**

EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1980

RALPH L. HOWES

Term expires 1980

RUSSELL FESSENDEN

Term expires 1980

MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1980

WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER

Term expires 1980

WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1980



**SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term**

PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR.	Resigned July 1, 1979
STEPHEN G. TILLEY, Appointed July 1, 1979	Term expires 1980
M. DIANNE MULLER	Term expires 1981
BARBARA V. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1982

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term**

ROBERT ROBERTSON	Term expires 1980
PHILIP F. NOLAN JR. & STEPHEN G. TILLEY	Representative 1979

**CONSTABLES 3 yr. Term**

WARREN KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1980
JOHN LABELLE	Term expires 1980
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1980

**PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. Term**

PAUL C. RICE	Resigned May 29, 1979
ROBERT M. LEVENSON, Appointed June 11, 1979	Term expires 1980
DOUGLAS R. PEASE	Term expires 1981
WALTER E. TIRRELL	Term expires 1982

**PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. Term**

PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1980
MARY L. TILLEY	Term expires 1981
EDWARD ZAGRUBSKI	Term expires 1982
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN	Term expires 1983
EDWARD W. PEPYNE	Term expires 1984

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. Term**

HOPE PACKARD	Term expires 1980
JAMES L. CRAIG	Term expires 1981
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1982
LYNN W. LESURE	Term expires 1983
ANN N. LILLY	Term expires 1984

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT**

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

MARIANNA T. GRAVES	June 1980
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	June 1981
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER	June 1982
CLAYTON C. CRAFT, Assoc. Member	June 1980
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc. Member	June 1981

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

RUSSELL FESSENDEN	June 1980
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS, JR.	June 1980
LINWOOD B. LESURE	June 1981
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ	June 1982
MARY S. LUCAS	June 1982

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

EDWIN W. DUTCHER & MARTIN CORNMAN	June 1980
MARIANNA T. GRAVES	June 1980
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ	June 1981
HELENE S. WALKER	June 1981
CAROLYN FOX	June 1982

### **ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

THOMAS S. LEUE	June 1980
ALBERT L. PIEROPAN	June 1980
MARTIN E. CORNMAN	June 1981
RICHARD M. CHANDLER	June 1981
ROGER S. HARRIS	June 1982

### **BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

ALDEN J. GRAY	June 1980
PHYLLIS E. GRAVES	June 1981
HELEN E. DOYLE	June 1982
NATHANIEL D. SMITH	June 1983
JOANNE OSTROWSKI	June 1984

### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

ANGELINA M. O'DONNELL	RALPH S. PEASE
JUNE E. FITZGERALD	ELEANOR M. WARD

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
WALTER D. ZALENSKI

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN**  
ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
EDWARD D. CRAFTS

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**  
RICHARD E. OUIMETTE

**INSPECTOR OF WIRES**  
DOUGLAS H. NYE

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**  
THEODORE BOBETSKY

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**  
RALPH W. GRAVES

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
BRUCE E. WILLARD

**VETERANS' AGENT**  
**EDWARD P. RUSSELL**

**BURIAL AGENT**  
**GERALD A. RANNEY**

**DOG OFFICER**  
**MARK W. SPEES**

**FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE**  
**DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN**

**FIELD DRIVERS & POUND KEEPERS**  
**MALCOLM S. CLARK**      **MERTON E. HOWES**

**SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER**  
**DONALD S. GRAVES**      **DONALD A. BURNETT**

**FENCE VIEWERS**  
**CHARLES C. GRAY**      **RUSSELL V. LOOMIS**

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The calendar year of 1979 was alot like many of those that preceded it. There was the satisfaction of several either completed or initiated projects of benefit to different groups or areas of the town.

And there were the disappointments and the frustrations. But, taken as a whole, from the viewpoint of this office, it was an average or better year. If we might be allowed a little self indulgence, we would say the past was very well taken care of by the people who preceded us in this office. We think we're doing a reasonably good job with the present, but what the future is going to require scares the devil out of us. But, with the continued support of the people of the town, we will make it through.

Probably the most disappointing and frustrating part of holding this office is the ever increasing mandates from State level that are handed down to the town without any apparent regard to the cost to the taxpayers of the town. The latest of these is the order from the Department of Environmental Quality Enginering to have our present style of dump operation discontinued by June 30, 1980. While this office has been under considerable pressure for years to do this, it is the first time a definite date has been set. So, having run out of options, we will probably place some articles on the Town Meeting Warrant to finance this change. Some research of alternative ways of disposing of our solid waste has been done but more information will hopefully be available before Town Meeting. There seems to be a lot of discussion of solid waste problems County wide and the ultimate solution may come from the County level.

The Waste Water Treatment program continues to move forward, be it ever so slow. Weston & Sampson, In., the firm

hired by the town to engineer this project, aims for construction in 1981. To accomplish this, an orderly and accelerated series of steps are going to be required. Time will tell if the town, the engineers, the State and the Federal people involved can move at the pace that will be required. As of this writing, enabling legislation is filed but not yet voted on to allow the forming of a Sewer District. Similar legislation is also on file for forming a Water District in case it is needed in the future. The money has been appropriated for and the agreement made with Frank & Beverly Guditis to purchase their property on Dug Hill for the septic tank and leach field. The actual acquisition awaits State approval as to the size of the area required to handle the gallons per day the system will receive.

Another section of the rebuilding of West Road was completed this past year. This leaves just one more section to do. Some more work was done on the Hawley Road. When this section is completed, there will be a hard surface as far as Brown Road. Also, sections of new pavement were laid on Creamery Road, Baptist Corner Road and Spruce Corner Road. This is a continuation of spot repairs using job by job State approval that has proven so successful over the last several years.

The new Ambulance was received in July and the transition to its use was very smooth, a tribute to the personnel of that group.

In closing, we would like to thank the people and especially the various boards and departments of the town for their continued understanding and cooperation.

Selectmen of Ashfield  
EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### FINAL SIX MONTHS - FISCAL 1979

January 1, 1979 - June 30, 1979

#### AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings and Gifts for 1977		\$	2,057.00
Balance forward @ July 1, 1978			660.59
			-----
		\$	2,717.59
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			1,664.95
			-----
		\$	1,052.64
Transferred \$500.00 from Savings Account			500.00
Accepted CPR Doll Fund Monies (Special Meeting, 2-6-79)			953.95
			-----
		\$	2,506.59
Telephone	\$	421.15	
Radios		1,545.00	
Postage		4.90	
Supplies		45.60	
Oxygen		46.90	
CPR Doll		168.25	2,231.80
		-----	-----
Unexpended balance forward		\$	274.79
Ambulance Savings Account			1,000.00
			-----
Total of Ambulance Funds 6-30-79		\$	1,274.79

#### ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation		\$	151.46
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	\$	151.46	-----

#### ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$	3,860.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			1,272.14
			-----
		\$	2,587.86
Typing & secretarial	\$	1,261.11	
Registry of Deeds		61.00	
Dues		33.00	
Mileage & expenses		167.75	
Supplies		12.93	
Printed forms		85.32	
Typewriter repair		10.00	

Postage & envelopes	83.00	
Wages for valuation assessments	400.00	2,114.11
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 473.75

#### **BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		2,100.00
		-----
		\$ 2,400.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$ 2,400.00	-----

#### **BONDS**

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		71.00
		-----
		\$ 571.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 571.00	-----

#### **BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM**

Appropriation		\$ 2,327.46
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	\$ 2,327.46	-----

#### **CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES**

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Ashfield Cemetery Association	\$ 350.00	-----

#### **CHAPTER 356 CONSTRUCTION 1978 FISCAL YEAR CREAMERY, HAWLEY & BEAR SWAMP ROADS**

Appropriation		\$ 47,251.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		32,043.73
		-----
		\$ 15,207.27
Payroll	\$ 8,771.25	
Harold Pike	144.00	
Warner Bros.	303.01	
Trew Corp.	189.00	
Donovan Bros.	309.60	
Bill Willard, Inc.-stone	1,404.03	
Roger Pollen-backhoe-loader	814.00	
All States Asphalt	2,064.54	13,999.43
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,207.84

**CHAPTER 497 GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND**

Appropriation		\$ 26,000.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		25,375.77
		-----
		\$ 624.23
Appropriation from Free Cash (Special Meeting, 2-6-79)		10,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.83
		-----
		\$ 10,625.06
Payroll	\$ 9,450.85	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	200.07	
Bill Willard, Inc.	67.49	
Warner Bros.	810.64	
Trew Corp.	96.01	
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	\$ 10,625.06	

**CHAPTER 765 CONSTRUCTION 1978 FISCAL YEAR**

Unexpended balance @July 1, 1978		\$ 854.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		3.70
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		\$ 857.70
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	857.70	-----

**FEDERAL GRANT OFF-ROADS SYSTEM**

Authority to borrow in anticipation of Reimbursement		\$ 50,000.00
(Special Meeting, March 19, 1979)		
C. A. Denison	104.00	104.00
	-----	-----
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 49,896.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Unexpended balance @January 1, 1979		\$ 100.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 100.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		150.00
		-----
		\$ 150.00
Mildred Reniff, Director	\$ 150.00	-----

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Fees	\$ 20.00	

Dues	40.00	60.00
	-----	-----
Balance to General Fund		\$ 40.00

#### DUMP

Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		2,489.55
		-----
		\$ 2,510.45
Transferred from Reserve Fund		118.20
		-----
		\$ 2,628.65
Salary-Dump attendant	\$ 1,820.00	
Rent	300.00	
Fill	231.30	
Plowing	268.75	
Supplies	8.60	
	-----	
	\$ 2,628.65	

#### ELECTIONS

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		385.51
		-----
		\$ 114.49
Transferred from Reserve Fund		20.36
		-----
		\$ 134.85
John Graham	\$ 26.10	
Kenneth Howes	24.65	
Philip Steinmetz	24.65	
Walter Doneilo	18.85	
John Mott	8.70	
Kenneth Rillings	4.35	
Eleanor Ward	27.55	
	-----	
	\$ 134.85	

#### FIRES AND EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		\$ 5,393.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		3,697.01
		-----
		\$ 1,695.99

Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account	1,500.00
(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)	

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		\$ 3,195.99
Station Phone	\$ 102.70	
Fire Phone	184.29	
New Equipment	84.09	
Radio repairs	290.05	
Dues & meetings	81.00	
Supplies	67.60	
Equipment repairs	83.23	
Postage	2.45	
Mileage & expenses	12.00	
Water	6.75	
Payroll	2,281.00	
	-----	
Balance to General Fund		\$ .83

**PAINTING - FIRE STATION**

Appropriation		\$ 1,954.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	\$ 1,954.00	-----

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		29.50
		-----
		\$ 70.50
Dues	\$ 6.00	
Flu Vaccine	49.50	55.50
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 15.00

**HEATING TOWN HALL AND FIRE STATION**

Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		165.55
		-----
		\$ 1,634.45
Transferred from Street Lights account		400.00
(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)		
		-----
		\$ 2,034.45
(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)		\$ 2,034.45
Gas	\$ 790.69	
Fuel oil	1,076.62	1,867.31
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 167.14



**HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS**

Appropriation		\$ 4,300.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		3,444.90
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		\$ 855.10
Transferred from Reserve Fund		191.00
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		\$ 1,046.10
Expended	\$ 1,046.10	-----

(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)		\$ 3,195.99
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**HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1978		\$ 2,710.35
Appropriation		1,500.00
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		\$ 4,210.35
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		1,096.65
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		\$ 3,113.70
Expended	\$ 428.40	428.40
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,685.30

**HIGHWAY DEPT. - RADIO SYSTEM**

Appropriation from Free Cash		\$ 8,000.00
(Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)		
Motorola, Inc.	\$ 7,715.00	7,715.00
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 285.00

**INSPECTION OF ANIMALS**

Appropriation		\$ 125.00
Theodore Bobetsky, Inspector	\$ 125.00	-----

**INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT**

Appropriation		\$ 7,000.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		3,834.50
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		\$ 3,165.50
Transferred from Reserve Fund		250.00
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		\$ 3,415.50
Massamont Insurance—		
Multiperil, Buildings	\$ 3,000.00	

Massamont Insurance—  
 Partial payment, Equipment

415.50

\$ 3,415.50

#### LIABILITY NSURANCE

Appropriation from Free Cash

(Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)

\$ 1,800.00

Massamont Insurance Agency

\$ 1,774.50

1,774.50

Balance to General Fund

\$ 25.50

#### LIFEGUARD AND SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation

\$ 2,300.00

Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78

1,138.01

\$ 1,161.99

Transferred to Parks & Beach

800.00

(Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)

\$ 361.99

(Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)

\$ 361.99

Lifeguard

\$ 339.50

Aide

7.25

346.75

Balance to General Fund

\$ 15.24

#### MACHINERY EXPENSE

Appropriation

\$ 10,000.00

Transferred Machinery Earnings (7-1-77 - 6-30-78)

5,429.30

\$ 15,429.30

Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78

9,701.35

\$ 5,727.95

Appropriation from Free Cash (Special Meeting, Feb. 6, 1979)

5,000.00

Transferred from Mohawk Trail Regional

(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)

10,000.00

\$ 20,727.95

Parts & repairs

\$ 11,426.76

Electricity

184.73

Gas & diesel fuel

4,607.35

Telephone

130.28

Supplies

174.98

Wiring

16.14

Water	8.00	
Tires	337.60	16,885.84
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 3,842.11

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Veterans' Flags	\$ 72.80	
Flowers	55.90	
American Legion-Poppies	30.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School Band	100.00	
		258.70
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 41.30

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND RETARDATION SERVICES

Appropriation		\$ 1,274.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	\$ 1,274.00	-----

#### DISTRICT NURSE - ASHFIELD'S SHARE

Appropriation		\$ 4,500.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		1,869.91
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		\$ 2,630.09
Salary-nurse	\$ 1,903.83	
Mileage & expenses	392.85	
Supervisory agency	212.88	2,509.56
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 120.53

#### OFFICE - CLERICAL

Appropriation		\$ 6,500.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		3,250.00
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		\$ 3,250.00
Expended	\$ 3,250.00	-----

#### OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation		\$ 1,200.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		972.48
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		\$ 227.52
Appropriation from Free Cash		
(Special Meeting, Feb. 6, 1979)		1,000.00
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		\$ 1,227.52

Postage & envelopes	\$	129.29	
Legal advertisements		70.85	
Supplies		105.91	
Telephone		221.59	
Travel expense		8.10	
Dues-Tax Collector		15.00	
Vital Statistics copies		75.00	
Printed forms		62.34	
Answering Service-Tax Collector		159.95	848.03
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Balance to General Fund			\$ 379.49

#### PARKS AND BEACH

Appropriation			\$ 1,200.00
Unexpended balance forward, July 1,1978			657.43
Transferred from Reserve Fund			80.32
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			\$ 1,937.75
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			1,937.75
Transferred from Lifeguard account (Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)			\$ 800.00
Electricity	\$	294.25	
Labor		50.00	
Telephone		30.03	
Picnic tables		224.85	
Supplies		17.47	
Beach sand		111.22	727.82
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Balance to General Fund			\$ 72.18

#### PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES

Appropriation			\$ 250.00
Legal advertisements	\$	7.86	
Dues		30.00	
Printing-By-Laws		80.00	117.86
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Balance to General Fund			\$ 132.14

#### POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY

Appropriation (Revenue Sharing)			\$ 12,800.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			6,399.90
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			\$ 6,400.10
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	\$	6,400.10	-----

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation (Public Works Employment Act--\$5,086.00)		\$ 6,000.00
(Taxation-\$914.00)		2,665.88
Expended 7-1-78 -12-31-78		-----
		\$ 3,334.12
Transferred from Reserve Fund		18.92
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		\$ 3,353.04

Telephone	\$ 296.07	
Parts & repairs-cruiser	355.58	
Radios & repairs	185.98	
Supplies	48.34	
Typing	493.00	
Payroll	1,051.20	
Postage	32.50	
Cleaning	41.50	
Dues	45.00	
Signs	30.02	
Uniforms & Equipment	498.85	
Cuntry Bank	10.00	
Typewriter	235.00	
Printed forms	30.00	
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	\$ 3,353.04	-----

## **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Appropriation		\$ 200.00
Angelina O'Donnell	\$ 40.00	
Ralph Pease	40.00	
June E. Fitzgerald	40.00	
Eleanor Ward	80.00	
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	\$ 200.00	-----

## **RENT OF HYDRANTS**

Appropriation		\$ 710.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		351.00
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		\$ 359.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 351.00	351.00
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 8.00

## **FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 12,243.00
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Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		6,121.50
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Expended	\$ 6,121.50	
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#### ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$287,853.00
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Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		112,828.26
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		\$175,024.74
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Expended		172,164.42
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 2,860.32
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#### MOHAWK TRIAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Appropriation		\$211,550.20
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Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		149,591.17
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Transferred to the following: (Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)	\$ 61,959.03	
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Town Hall	\$ 2,000.00	
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Fires & Equip.	1,500.00	
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Treasurer's Exp.	250.00	
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Tax Coll. Exp.	100.00	
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Machinery Exp.	10,000.00	
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Town Report	3,000.00	16,850.00
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		\$ 45,109.03
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Expended to Mohawk Trail Reg. School	\$ 34,450.39	34,450.39
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Balance to General Fund		\$10,658.64
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#### SEWERAGE UPDATE PHASE I

Due from Federal Government		18,750.00
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Unexpended balance forward (Overlay Surplus)	\$ 6,196.00	
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		\$ 24,946.00
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Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.	\$ 10,808.99	10,808.99
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 14,137.01
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#### DESIGN OF SEWERAGE WORKS

Authorization to raise by borrowing		
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(Special Meeting, 6-10-77)		\$ 60,000.00
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#### SPECIAL FUELS TAX

Unexpended balance returned to Overlay Surplus		\$ 1,484.30
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### STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$ 3,000.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		1,262.49
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		\$ 1,737.51
Transferred to Heating Town Hall & Fire Station		400.00
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		\$ 1,337.51
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 1,314.06	1,314.06
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 23.45

### STREET LISTS & SCHOOL CENSUS

Appropriation from Free Cash		\$ 350.00
(Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)		
Allotment from School Dept.		150.00
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		\$ 500.00
Street Listing	\$ 311.14	
Printing	101.09	412.23
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 87.77

### TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		80.65
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		\$ 580.65
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	\$ 580.65	
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Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School		
(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)		\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 55.00	
Printed forms	12.21	67.21
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 32.79

### TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		155.88
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		\$ 344.12
Telephone	\$ 179.80	
Election Laws	10.00	189.80
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 154.32

### **TOWN CLERK'S SALARY**

Appropriation		\$	1,200.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			600.00
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		\$	600.00
Expended	\$	600.00	-----

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			682.91
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		\$	1,317.09
Transferred from Reserve Fund			380.82
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		\$	1,697.91
Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$	1,697.91	-----

### **TOWN HALL**

Appropriation		\$	2,000.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			841.22
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		\$	1,158.78
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School (Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)			2,000.00
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		\$	3,158.78
(Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)		\$	3,158.78
Janitor	\$	233.25	
Electricity		720.99	
Supplies		59.02	
R. H. Nye, Inc.		12.00	
Geranium-Flower boxes		17.00	
Water		13.30	
Painting & repairs to vault, shelving		1,253.51	
Fire extinguisher		11.50	
Repair-Town Hall bell		59.50	2,380.27
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Balance to General Fund		\$	778.51

### **TOWN OFFICERS**

Appropriation		\$	6,100.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78			3,000.00
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		\$	3,100.00
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	\$	250.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman		250.00	

Russell V. Loomis, Selectman	125.00	
Russell Fessenden, Selectman	125.00	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor	300.00	
Malcolm S. Clark, Assessor	300.00	
William H. Schreiber, Assessor	300.00	
Jane E. Ward, Tax Collector	350.00	
Patricia C. Farrell, Treasurer	323.00	
Faye Whitney-Lussier, Treasurer	277.00	
Linwood B. Lesure, Moderator	20.00	
John L. Parker, Auditor	20.00	
Stephen W. Greenman, Dog Officer	20.00	
Mark P. Spees, Dog Officer	40.00	
Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief	175.00	
Barbara V. Zalenski, School Committee	75.00	
M. Dianne Muller, School Committee	75.00	
Philip F. Nolan, Jr., School Committee	75.00	
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	\$ 3,100.00	-----

#### **TOWN RECORDS - PRESERVATION**

Appropriation & transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School (Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)	\$ 3,000.00	
Wages--Preserving, Filing, indexing	\$ 500.00	500.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,500.00

#### **TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS**

Appropriation		\$ 1,600.00
Ballots	\$ 78.19	
Town Reports	1,426.80	
Delivery by Girl Scouts	50.00	1,554.99
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 45.01

#### **TREASURER'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		279.05
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		\$ 70.95
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School (Special Meeting, May 30, 1979)		250.00
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		\$ 320.95
Supplies	\$ 35.82	
Envelopes & stamps	180.00	
Country	6.50	222.32
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 98.63

**TREE WARDEN**

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78		187.75
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		\$ 2,312.25
Ramon Sears, Tree Warden	\$ 1,060.25	
Dennis Morin	309.00	
Kenneth Roberts	124.00	
Jeffrey Ward	162.00	
Cotton Tree Service	334.25	1,989.50
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 322.75

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Appropriation from Free Cash		
(Special Meeting, February 6, 1979)	\$ 500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	501.89	
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		\$ 1,001.89
Expended	\$ 290.89	

**VETERANS' BENEFITS**

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	734.20	
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		\$ 1,001.89
Expended	\$ 290.89	
Balance to General Fund		\$ 1,465.91

**WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' CENTER - MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$ 1,958.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	206.00	
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		\$ 2,164.00
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	\$ 2,164.00	

**WINTER ROADS**

Appropriation	\$ 35,000.00	
Expended 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	14,364.35	
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		\$ 20,635.65
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		
(Special Meeting, March 19, 1979)	7,500.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	119.47	
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		\$ 28,255.12



Payroll	\$ 19,283.25	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	297.26	
Gas & diesel feul	2,862.20	
Sand	696.06	
Salt	1,457.91	
William C. Whitehouse	576.00	
Warner Bros.	2,201.57	
Trew Corp.	880.87	
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	\$ 28,255.12	-----

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	354.00	
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	\$ 4,354.00	
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 4,354.00	-----

#### RESERVE FUND

Appropriation	\$ 2,500.00	
Transfers to accounts 7-1-78 - 12-31-78	370.67	
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	\$ 2,129.33	
Bonds	\$ 71.00	
Dump	118.20	
Elections	20.36	
General Highway Fund	.83	
Highway Dept.-Paid Vacations & Holidays	191.00	
Insurance-Town Buildings & Equip.	250.00	
Police Dept.	18.92	
Town Council	380.82	
Unemployment Compensation	501.89	
Winter Roads	119.47	
Workmens' Compensation	354.00	2,026.49
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Balance to Overlay Surplus		\$ 102.84

#### SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

January 1, 1979 - June 30, 1979

Abatements--Motor Vehicles	\$ 306.80
Abatements--Personal Property	96.48
Abatements--Real Estate	52.60
Ambulance Fund	2,231.80
Assessors' Expenses	2,114.11

Belding Memorial Library	2,400.00
Bonds	571.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00
Chapter 356 - Fiscal 1978	13,999.43
Chapter 497 - General Highway Fund	10,625.06
Federal Grant-Off Roads System	104.00
Charity	188.00
Civil Defense Director	150.00
Conservation Commission	60.00
Dump	2,628.65
Elections	134.85
Fires & Equipment	3,195.16
Hathaway Fund	25.00
Health, Board of	55.50
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	1,867.31
Highway Dept.- Paid Vacations & Holiday	1,046.10
Highway Dept.-Sick Leave	428.40
Highway Dept.-Radio System	7,715.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance-Town Buildings & Equipment	3,415.00
Insurance-Liability	1,774.50
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	346.75
Machinery Expense	16,885.84
Memorial Day	258.70
Nurse	2,509.56
Office-Clerical	3,250.00
Office Expense	848.03
Parks & Beach	727.82
Planning Board Expenses	117.86
Police Chief's Salary	6,400.10
Police Department	3,353.04
Registrars	200.00
Rent of Hydrants	351.00
Retirement System-Franklin County	6,121.50
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	172,164.42
Mohawk Trail Regional School	34,450.39
Sewerage Update-Phase I	10,808.99
Street Lights	1,314.06
Street Listing & School Census	412.23
Tax, Franklin County	12,582.01
Tax Collector's Expenses	67.21
Town Clerk's Expenses	189.80
Town Clerk's Salary	600.00
Town Counsel	1,697.91
Town Hall	2,380.27

Town Officers	3,100.00
Town Records-Preservation	500.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,554.99
Treasurer's Expenses	222.32
Tree Warden	1,989.50
Unemployment	1,001.89
Veterans' Benefits	290.89
Winter Roads	28,255.12
Workmen's Compensation	4,354.00
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	\$374,966.45
Income: Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions	4,157.03
Interest-Belding Memorial Library	144.86
Interest-Fred Cross Library	133.96
Interest-Cemetary Fund	53.58
Dog Licenses	193.90
Franklin County Retirement-Deductions	6,515.92
State Withholding-Deductions	3,393.15
State Aid-Library	1,000.00
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	\$390,558.85
Total of Selectmen's Orders July 1 - December 31, 1978	\$440,586.62
Total of Selectmen's Orders January 1 - June 30, 1979	390,558.85
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GRAND TOTAL FOR FISCAL 1979:	\$831,145.47

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN

### ***APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL 1979***

	<b>By Taxation</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>
Totals forward, Annual Meeting, April 1, 1978:	\$660,049.31	\$ 50,086.11
Special Town Meetings:		
February 6, 1979:		
General Highway Fund—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		10,000.00
Radio System, Highway Dept.—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		8,000.00

Unemployment Compensation—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		500.00
Acceptance of monies for Ambulance Fund—		
CPR Doll Fund Transfer		953.95
Parks & Beach—		
Transfer from Lifeguard & Swimming Inst. account		800.00
Office Expense—		
Appropriation from Free		1,000.00
Street Lists & School Census—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		350.00
Machinery Expense—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		5,000.00
Liability Insurance, Town Officials—		
Appropriation from Free Cash		1,800.00
March 19, 1979:		
Federal Off Systems Roads Program—		
Authority to borrow in anticipation		
of reimbursement (50,000.00)		
Winter Roads—		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		7,500.00
May 30, 1979		
Town Hall—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		2,000.00
Fire Department—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		1,500.00
Treasurer's Expense—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		250.00
Tax Collector's Expense—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		100.00
Heating of Town Hall & Fire Station—		
Transfer from Street Lights account		400.00
Machinery Expense—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		10,000.00
Preservation of Town Records—		
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		3,000.00
TOTAL:	\$660,049.31	\$103,240.06
AUTHORITY TO BORROW: \$50,000.00		

A true copy of appropriations made for Fiscal 1979.

Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk

**FIRST SIX MONTHS — FISCAL 1980**

**JULY 1, 1979 — DECEMBER 31, 1979**

**AMBULANCE FUND**

Earnings & Gifts for 1978		\$ 1,647.30
Balance forward, July 1, 1979		274.79
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		\$ 1,922.09
Mileage & expenses	\$ 35.00	
Equipment	274.39	
Oxygen	38.39	
Postage & supplies	65.21	
Training	230.00	
Parts & repairs	42.40	
Telephone	96.06	
Uniforms	44.00	
Fees	10.00	
Insurance	138.03	
Radios	32.45	1,005.93
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 916.16
Ambulance Savings Account		1,000.00
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Total of Ambulance Funds		\$ 1,916.16

**NEW AMBULANCE**

Appropriations (Flora Tatro Fund-\$5,772.75; Rev. Sharing-\$19,442.25; Donation from American Legion, Post 245-\$1,000.00)		\$ 26,215.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund		15.00
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		\$ 26,230.00
Parks Superior Sale, Inc.	\$ 25,915.00	
Installation of radios	315.00	
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	\$ 26,230.00	

**ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Appropriation		\$ 155.44
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 155.44	-----

**ASSESSOR'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$ 3,860.00
Typing & secretarial	\$ 1,852.34	
Registry of Deeds	78.00	



Printed forms	45.85	
Travel Expenses	79.33	
Potage & envelope	83.00	
Legal fees-re classification of Real Estate	501.99	
Typewriter repairs	12.00	2,652.51
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,207.49
<b>BELDING MEORIAL LIBRARY</b>		
Appropriation (\$268.48-Dog Refund)		\$ 4,500.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$ 1,500.00	1,500.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 3,000.00
<b>BLUE CROSS - BLUE SHIELD</b>		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, 8-6-79)		\$ 6,000.00
Expended	\$ 2,382.64	2,382.64
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 3,617.36
<b>BONDS</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 600.00
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 2,616.37
Building Inspector Program	\$ 2,616.37	-----
<b>CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES</b>		
Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 350.00
<b>CHAPTER 356 CONSTRUCTION FISCAL 1978</b>		
<b>CREAMERY, HAWLEY &amp; BEAR SWAMP ROADS</b>		
Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979		\$ 1,207.84
Transferred from Reserve Fund		142.96
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		\$ 1,350.80
Payroll	\$ 970.60	
Hired equipment	333.00	
Supplies	47.20	
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	\$ 1,350.80	

**CHAPTER 356 CONSTRUCTION FISCAL 1979  
CREAMERY, HAWLEY, BAPTIST CORNER &  
SPRUCE CORNER ROADS**

Appropriation (\$35,251.00-Free Cash)		\$ 47,251.00
Payroll	\$ 2,883.60	
Traprock	297.36	
Town of Plainfield	38.25	
Eastern Culvert Co.	2,179.26	
Bituminous concrete	31,478.40	
All States Asphalt	2,279.97	39,156.84
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 8,094.16

**CHAPTE 497 GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND**

Appropriation		\$ 26,000.00
Payroll	\$ 16,254.26	
Bituminous concrete	1,656.92	
Crushed stone	439.15	
Hired equipment	2,360.95	
Fill	205.80	
Blacktop	482.20	
Supplies	435.95	
Asphalt	3,785.17	
Eastern Culvert Co.	123.36	
Lumber	219.24	25,963.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 37.00

**CHAPTER 765 CONSTRUCTION FISCAL 1979**

Appropriation (Free Cash)	\$ 5,000.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$ 5,000.00

**FEDERAL GRANT OFF-ROADS SYSTEM**

Unexpended balance forward		\$ 48,896.00
Payroll	\$ 12,443.43	
Town Owned equipment	5,380.55	
Hired equipment	13,983.00	
Cement blocks	899.24	
Eastern Culvert	2,107.40	
Crushed stone	2,953.35	
Supplies	327.53	
Gravel	3,507.35	
Asphalt	4,833.51	46,345.36
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 3,550.64

**CIVIL DEFENSE**

Unexpended balance forward		\$	100.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$	100.00

**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Mildred Reniff, Director	\$	75.00	75.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	225.00

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Fee	\$	5.00	
Advertisement	\$	4.59	9.59
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	90.41

**DUMP**

Appropriation		\$	5,300.00
Salary-dump attendant	\$	1,830.00	
Supplies		9.40	
Fill		892.85	
Wood		59.60	2,791.85
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	2,508.15

**ELECTIONS**

Appropriation		\$	650.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$	650.00

**FIRES AND EQUIPMENT**

Appropriation		\$	5,636.00
Supplies	\$	204.61	
Station Phone		164.71	
Fire Phone		430.13	
New equipment		956.62	
Truck repairs		616.99	
Training		75.00	
Insurance		420.00	
Maintenance-Equipment		103.93	
Travel expenses		13.75	
Water		6.75	
Postage		8.60	3,001.09
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	2,634.91

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Dues	\$	6.00	6.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	94.00

### HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	2,000.00
Gas	\$	197.76	
Fuel oil		250.97	448.73
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,551.27

### HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		\$	4,500.00
Expended	\$	3,093.75	3,093.75
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	1,406.25

### HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979		\$	2,685.30
Appropriation			1,600.00
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		\$	4,285.30
Expended	\$	732.15	732.15
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	3,553.15

### INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation		\$	125.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$	125.00

### INSURANCE - TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	8,000.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	943.00	943.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	7,057.00

### LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$	2,300.00
Lifeguard	\$	892.50	
Aides		535.05	1,427.55
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	872.45

### **MACHINERY EXPENSE**

Appropriation		\$ 15,000.00
Transferred Machinery Earnings (7-1-78 - 6-30-79)		3,097.10
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		\$ 18,097.10
Parts & repairs	\$ 2,419.84	
Supplies	331.21	
Gas & diesel fuel	8,002.00	
Tires	1,638.95	
Wiring & electricity	255.82	
Plow blades	571.04	
Lumber	76.97	
Dalton Tractor Co.	868.60	
Telephone	115.56	
Labor	13.05	
Radio repairs	60.80	
Water	8.00	14,361.84
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 3,735.26

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$ 350.00

### **MENTAL HEALTH & RETARDATION SERVICES**

Appropriation	\$ 1,274.00
Franklin-Hampshire Mental Health Board	\$ 1,274.00 -----

### **DISTRICT NURSE - ASHFIELD'S SHARE**

Appropriation		\$ 4,348.00
Salary-nurse	\$ 2,148.53	
Supervisory Agency	173.96	
Mileage & expenses	307.55	2,630.04
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,717.96

### **OFFICE - CLERICAL**

Appropriation		\$ 7,800.00
Expended	\$ 3,900.00	3,900.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 3,900.00

### **OFFICE EXPENSE**

Appropriation ( Free Cash)		\$ 2,000.00
Dues	\$ 160.00	



Legal advertisements	66.65	
Fees-Comm. of Mass.	33.74	
Telephone	402.46	
Postage & supplies	119.32	
Floats-Buckland Bicentennial	70.00	
Property appraisals	50.00	
Printed forms	42.95	
Wire inspection	10.00	
Office typewriter	494.19	1,449.31

Unexpended balance forward		\$ 550.69
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#### **PARKS AND BEACH MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation		\$ 2,430.00
Water	\$ 44.00	
Electricity	98.76	
Telephone	72.01	
Supplies	13.38	
Tree trimming	35.00	
Labor-trash removal	92.60	
Installation-beach light	37.95	

393.70

Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,036.30
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#### **PARKS - RESURFACING, FENCING TENNIS COURTS**

Appropriation		\$ 8,500.00
C. W. Ward, Inc.	\$ 325.00	
Cement steps	735.50	
Warner Bros.-resurfacing	2,033.75	
Fencing	2,881.00	5,975.25

Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,524.75
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#### **PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$ 250.00
Florence Press-printing	\$ 13.00	
Dues	40.00	

53.00

Unexpended balance forward		\$ 197.00
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#### **POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY**

Appropriation		\$ 13,700.00
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	\$ 6,849.96	

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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 6,850.04

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation		
(Fed. Public Works Emp. Act, Title II-\$3,762.00)		\$ 6,500.00
Postage & supplies	\$ 127.30	
Uniforms & equipment	336.55	
Telephone	280.84	
Payroll	1,640.00	
Typing & clerical	498.00	
Repairs-cruiser	442.44	
Cleaning	5.75	
Radio repairs	133.03	
Dues	57.88	
Pagers	532.00	
Traffic signs	111.82	4,165.61
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,334.39

#### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Appropriation		\$ 225.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 225.00

#### **RENT OF HYDRANTS**

Appropriation		\$ 710.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 351.00	
		351.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 359.00

#### **FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Appropriation		\$ 15,895.00
Expended	\$ 7,947.50	7,947.50
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 7,947.50

#### **ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Appropriation		\$306,732.00
Expended	\$114,083.39	114,083.39
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Unexpended balance forward		\$192,648.61

**SANDERSON ACADEMY - PAINTING**

Appropriation (Fred Cross Fund)		\$ 3,500.00
William F. Gray	\$ 1,091.00	1,091.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 2,409.00

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Appropriation		\$206,596.00
Expended	\$160,884.77	160,884.77
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Unexpended balance forward		\$45,711.23

**SEWERAGE UPDATE PHASE I**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979		\$ 14,137.01
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		
(Special Meeting, 10-15-79)		3,750.00
Due from Federal Government		11,250.00
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		\$ 29,137.01
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.	\$ 18,167.64	
Norman Daby-Pilot test trench	424.60	
R. H. Nye, Inc.	344.62	18,936.86
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 10,200.15

**DESIGN OF SEWERAGE WORKS**

Authorization to raise by borrowing		
(Special Meeting, 6-10-77)		\$ 60,000.00

**STREET LIGHTS**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$ 3,000.00
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 1,363.41	1,363.41
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,636.59

**TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$ 1,000.00
Printed forms & tax bills	\$ 491.22	
Dues	5.00	
Postage	150.00	
Typing	206.50	
Phone service	68.89	
Travel expenses-meetings	15.95	
Repairs-typewriter	27.00	964.56
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 35.44

### **TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Telephone	\$	192.13	
Dues		15.00	
			207.13
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	292.87

### **TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	2,000.00
Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$	1,073.29	1,073.29
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	926.71

### **TOWN HALL**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	2,000.00
Recharging fire extinguisher	\$	11.50	
Repairs-Town Hall bell		24.00	
Electricity		596.69	
Repair of steps		250.00	
Fire inspection		18.00	
Supplies		41.64	
Janitor		128.00	
Water		13.50	1,083.33
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	916.67

### **TOWN OFFICERS**

Appropriation		\$	7,300.00
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	\$	250.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman		250.00	
Russell Fessenden, Selectman		250.00	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor		300.00	
Malcolm S. Clark, Assessor		300.00	
William H. Schreiber, Assessor		300.00	
Jane E. Ward, Tax Collector		350.00	
Faye Whitney-Lussier, Treasurer		600.00	
Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk		600.00	
Robert Van Iderstine, Fire Chief		175.00	
Mark P. Spees, Dog Officer		30.00	
Barbara V. Zalenski, School Committee		75.00	
M. Dianne Muller, School Committee		75.00	
Stephen G. Tilley, School Committee		75.00	3,630.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	3,670.00

#### **TOWN RECORDS - PRESERVATION**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979		\$ 2,500.00
Clerical-indexing, filing	\$ 428.00	
Wiring, lighting-vault	169.42	597.42
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,902.58

#### **TOWN REPORTS AND BALLOTS**

Appropriation		\$ 1,800.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,800.00

#### **TREASURER'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Dues	\$ 5.00	
Supplies	28.67	
Postage	183.00	216.67
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 283.33

#### **TREE WARDEN**

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Ramon Sears, Tree Warden	\$ 854.50	
Jeffrey Ward	108.00	
Clayton Davenport	48.00	
Dennis Morin	139.13	
Eric Tirrell	57.75	
Stewart's Nursery	158.00	1,365.38
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,134.62

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		
(Special Meeting, 8-6-79)		\$ 1,000.00
Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,000.00

#### **VETERANS' BENEFITS**

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Expended	\$ 909.33	909.33
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,590.67

#### **WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS CENTER**

Appropriation		\$ 2,329.74
Western Franklin Veterans Center	\$ 2,329.74	-----



### WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 40,000.00
Salt, chemicals	\$ 1,915.69	
Payroll	6,333.03	
Hired equipment	910.00	
Cross chain	660.00	
Hot patch	147.60	
Winter sand	3,655.79	
Supplies	527.34	14,149.45
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 25,850.55

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation	\$ 5,600.00
Unexpended balance forward	\$ 5,600.00

### RESERVE FUND

Appropriation (Overlay Surplus)	\$ 2,500.00
New Ambulance	\$ 15.00
Chapter 356	142.96 157.96
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Unexpended balance forward	\$ 2,342.04

### SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

July 1, 1979 - December 31, 1979

Abatements - Motor Vehicles	\$ 506.56
Ambulance Fund	1,005.93
New Ambulance	26,230.00
Ashfield Historical Society	155.44
Assessors' Expenses	2,652.51
Belding Memorial Library	1,500.00
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	2,382.64
Building Inspector	2,616.37
Chapter 356 - Construction Fiscal 1978	1,350.80
Chapter 356 - Construction Fiscal 1979	39,156.84
Chapter 497 General Highway Fund	25,963.00
Federal Grant - Off Roads System	46,345.36
Charity	304.93
Civil Defense Director	75.00
Commonwealth of Mass.: Motor Vehicle Assessment	110.78
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution	158.40
State Recreation Areas	3,807.77
Conservation Commission	9.59
Dog Officer	220.00

Dump	2,791.85
Fires & Equipment	3,001.09
Health, Board of	6.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	448.73
Highway Dept. - Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,093.75
Highway Dept. - Sick Leave	732.15
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	943.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,427.55
Interest on Loans	1,436.30
Machinery Expenses	14,361.84
Mental Health & Retardation Services	1,274.00
Nurse	2,630.04
Office - clerical	3,900.00
Office Expense	1,449.31
Parks & Beach-Maintenance	393.70
Parks - Resurfacing & fencing tennis courts	5,975.25
Planning Board Expenses	53.00
Police Chief's Salary	6,849.96
Police Department	4,165.61
Rent of Hydrants	351.00
Retirement System - Franklin County	7,947.50
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	114,083.39
Mohawk Trail Regional High School	160,884.77
Sanderson Academy - painting	1,091.00
Sewerage Update Phase I	18,936.86
Street Lights	1,363.41
Tax, Franklin County	19,308.52
Tax Collector's Expenses	964.56
Town Clerk's Expenses	207.13
Town Counsel	1,073.29
Town Hall	1,083.33
Town Officers	3,630.00
Town Records - preservation	597.42
Treasurer's Expenses	216.67
Tree Warden	1,365.38
Veterans' Benefits	909.33
Western Franklin Veterans' Center	2,329.74
Winter Roads	14,149.45
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	\$559,977.80
Income: Blue Cross Blue Shield - deductions	2,046.66
Personal Property Tax refunds	29.92
Real Estate Tax refunds	301.37
F. C. Retirement - deductions	3,229.91
State Withholding tax-deductions	6,575.70

Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	125,000.00
Interest returned to accounts:	
Fred Cross Library	133.96
Cemetery Fund	120.34
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<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$697,415.66</b>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**EDWARD W. SCOTT**  
**RALPH L. HOWES**  
**RUSSELL FESSENDEN**

**The following is the list of Appropriations made by the Voters of the Town of Ashfield at the Annual Town Meeting, April 7, 1979:-**

	<b>By Taxation</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>
Abulance Maintenance Fund—		
Transfer 1978 Earnings & Gifts		\$ 1,647.30
New Ambulance (\$1,000.00-American Legion		
Donation; \$5,772.75-F.Tatro Fund;		
\$19,442.25-Rev. Sharing)		26,215.00
Ashfield Historical Society	\$ 155.44	
Assessors' Expenses	3,860.00	
Belding Memorial Library (\$268.48- Dog Refund)	4,231.52	268.48
Bonds	600.00	
Building Inspector Program	2,616.37	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00	
Chapter 356 (\$35,251.00- Free Cash)	12,000.00	35,251.00
Chapter 497	26,000.00	
Chapter 765 (Free Cash)		5,000.00
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Dump	5,300.00	
Elections	650.00	
Fires & Equipment	5,636.00	
Health, Board of	100.00	
Heating-Town Hall & Fire Station (Free Cash)		2,000.00
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	4,500.00	
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	1,600.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment (Free Cash)		8,000.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor	2,300.00	
Machinery Expense	15,000.00	
Machinery Expense Transfer Machinery Earnings		
June 30,1979		3,097.10

Memorial Day	350.00	
Mental Health & Retardation Services	1,274.00	
Nurse-Ashfield's Share of District	4,348.00	
Office— Clerical	7,800.00	
Office Expense (Free Cash)		2,000.00
Parks & Beach Maintenance	2,430.00	
Parks & Beach-Fencing, resurfacing Tennis Courts	8,500.00	
Planning Board Expenses	250.00	
Police Chief's Salary	13,700.00	
Police Dept.		
( \$3,762.00-Fad. PublicWorks Emp. Act, TitleII)	2,738.00	3,762.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,800.00	
Registrars	225.00	
Rent of Hydrants	710.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,500.00
Retirement System, Franklin County	15,895.00	
Sanderson Academy, Painting (Frederick Cross Fund)		3,500.00
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	306,732.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School	206,596.00	
Street Lights (Free Cash)		3,000.00
Tax Collector's Expenses (Free Cash)		1,000.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	500.00	
Town Counsel (Free Cash)		2,000.00
Town Hall (Free Cash)		2,000.00
Town Officers	7,300.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	500.00	
Tree Warden	2,500.00	
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	
Veterans' Center	2,329.74	
Winter Roads	40,000.00	
Workmen's Compensation	5,600.00	
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TOTALS:	\$720,002.07	\$101,240.88
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#### Special Meeting, August 6, 1979

##### Unemployment Compensation—

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	\$ 1,000.00
Contributory Group Plan, Chapter 32B—	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	6,000.00

**Special Meeting, October 15, 1979**

**Sewerage Update, Phase I—**

**Appropriation from Overlay Surplus**

3,750.00

**GRAND TOTALS**

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\$720,002.07

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A true copy of Appropriations for Fiscal 1980 as of December 31, 1979.

Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 1979 - December 31, 1979

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1972

Outstanding 12-31-78		\$	638.28
Abated as uncollectable	\$	198.02	
Payments to Treasurer		95.90	
Outstanding 12-31-79		344.36	
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	638.28		638.28

1973

Outstanding 12-31-78			3,483.73
Payments to Treasurer		862.36	
Outstanding 12-31-79		2,621.37	
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	3,483.73		3,483.73

1974

Outstanding 12-31-78			4,041.80
Payments to Treasurer		511.88	
Outstanding 12-31-79		3,529.92	
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	4,041.80		4,041.80

1975

Outstanding 12-31-78			5,412.36
Payments to Treasurer		767.24	
Outstanding 12-31-79		4,645.12	
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	5,412.36		5,412.36

1976

Outstanding 12-31-78			3,691.22
Payments to Treasurer		221.29	
Outstanding 12-31-79		3,469.93	
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	3,691.22		3,691.22

1977

Outstanding 12-31-78		4,717.22
Refunded		30.52
Abatements	56.10	
Payments to Treasurer	2,169.66	
Outstanding 12-31-79	2,521.98	
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	4,747.74	4,747.74

1978

Outstanding 12-31-78		21,360.24
Commitment 1979		3,758.71
Refunded		336.25
Less to be refunded		20.90
To be refunded		.10
Payments to Treasurer	14,752.07	
Abatements	1,594.39	
Outstanding 12-31-79	9,087.94	
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	25,434.40	25,434.40

1979

Commitment		69,411.94
Refunded		441.57
To be refunded		18.15
Abatements	4,490.07	
Payments to Treasurer	46,496.28	
Outstanding 12-31-79	18,885.31	
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	69,871.66	69,871.66

*REAL ESTATE*

1974-1975

Outstanding 12-31-78		989.35
Payments to Treasurer	318.07	
Outstanding 12-31-79	671.28	
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	989.35	989.35

1975-1976

Outstanding 12-31-78		1,702.57
Payments to Treasurer	1,370.97	
Outstanding 12-31-79	331.60	
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	1,702.57	1,702.57

1976-1977

Outstanding 12-31-78		8,866.04
Payments to Treasurer	7,006.24	
Outstanding 12-31-79	1,859.80	
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	8,866.04	8,866.04

1977-1978

Outstanding 12-31-78		19,361.87
Less to be refunded		25.70
Refunded		25.70
Payment to Treasurer	10,518.74	
Outstanding 12-31-79	8,843.13	
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	19,361.87	19,361.87

1978-1979

Omitted assesment		65.01
Outstanding 12-31-78		225,470.93
Less to be refunded		.98
To be refunded		667.36
Refunded		302.35
Abatements	825.49	
Payments to Treasurer	203,996.09	
Outstanding 12-31-79	21,683.09	
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	226,504.67	226,504.67

1979-1980

Commitment		457,922.71
To be refunded		437.00
Abatements	5,740.96	
Payments to Treasurer	193,028.15	
Outstanding 12-31-79	259,590.60	
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	458,359.71	458,359.71

*PERSONAL PROPERTY*

1974 Six Months

Outstanding 12-31-78		380.73
Payments to Treasurer	-0-	
Outstanding 12-31-79	380.73	
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	380.73	380.73

**1974-1975**

Outstanding 12-31-78		1,023.84
Payments to Treasurer	200.64	
Outstanding 12-31-79	823.20	
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	1,023.84	1,023.84

**1975-1976**

Outstanding 12-31-78		1,306.82
Payments to Treasurer	281.05	
Outstanding 12-31-79	1,025.77	
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	1,306.82	1,306.82

**1976-1977**

Outstanding 12-31-78		824.22
Payments to Treasurer	67.92	
Outstanding 12-31-79	756.30	
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	824.22	824.22

**1977-1978**

Outstanding 12-31-78		1,434.58
Less to be refunded		7.40
Refunded		7.40
Payment to Treasurer	264.64	
Outstanding 12-31-79	1,169.94	
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	1,434.58	1,434.58

**1978-1979**

Outstanding 12-31-78		14,569.64
Less to be refunded		89.08
Refunded		119.00
To be refunded		17.57
Payments to Treasurer	12,923.58	
Outstanding 12-31-79	1,663.10	
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Abatements	30.45	
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	14,617.13	14,617.13

**1979-1980**

Commitment		32,461.67
To be refunded		9.35

Abatements	17.00	
Payments to Treasurer	15,204.60	
Outstanding 12-31-79	17,249.42	
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	32,471.02	32,471.02

### *FARM ANIMAL EXCISE*

1976		
Outstanding 12-31-78		67.40
Payments to Treasurer	-0-	
Outstanding 12-31-79	67.40	
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	67.40	67.40

1977		
Outstanding 12-31-78		250.35
Payments to Treasurer	183.95	
Outstanding 12-31-79	66.40	
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	250.35	250.35

1978		
Omitted Assessment		56.10
Outstanding 12-31-78		521.20
Payments to Treasurer	296.40	
Outstanding 12-31-79	280.90	
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	577.30	577.30

1979		
Commitment		4,235.55
Payments to Treasurer	3,330.95	
Outstanding 12-31-79	904.60	
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	4,235.55	4,235.55

Jane E. Ward  
*Tax Collector*



# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

## VITAL STATISTICS

### 1979 BIRTHS

NAME	PARENTS
JANUARY	
1 - Sara Beth Pichette	Curtis E. & J. Marlene (MacAdam) Pichette
10 - Larissa Jane Farrell	Wayne B. & Patricia (Cranmore) Farrell
FEBRUARY	
18 - Daniel Joseph Finn	Donald V. & Ann Marie (Tremblay) Finn
MARCH	
23 - Riana Crystal Heddens	John C. & Lois (Ianniciello) Heddens
31 - Megan Kathleen Duncan Smith	Nathaniel D. Smith & Beverly Duncan
APRIL	
2 - Emily Milena Newton	Thomas L. & Christine (Grysho) Newton
3 - Elijah Campbell Clark	Aaron & Jacqueline (Coe) Clark
7 - Soren Mead Domlesky	Robert L. & Janine (Fromuth) Domlesky
29 - Kylee Elizabeth Tatro	John W. & Brenda (Sall) Tatro
MAY	
5 - Michael Alexander Louis Cohen	Paul & Kathy (Blackburn) Harker
29 - Joshua Kevin Harker	Kevin E. & Doris (Webster) Harker
JULY	
21 - Danel Cedric Rae	Gary P. & Gail (Andrews) Rae
AUGUST	
3 - Beverly Jean Tatro	Wayne L. & Beverly (Morin) Tatro
17 - Nancy Parrish	John W. & Yvonne (Bourdillon) Parrish
SEPTEMBER	
8 - Emily Louise Hamilton	Alexander W. & Lorna (Lesquier) Hamilton
OCTOBER	
22 - Melissa Grullemans	Winslow & Geraldine (Cantillon) Grullemans

NOVEMBER

9 - Andrea Janice LaBelle	John A. & Beverly (Skultety) LaBelle
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**John A. & Beverly (Skultety) LaBelle**

DECEMBER

15 - Matthew Kevin Emerson Chickering  
Kevin H. & Barbara (Whitehouse) Chickering

17 - Jennifer Marie Mougín  
Quentin T. & Shaun (Cole) Mougín

**Kevin H. & Barbara (Whitehouse) Chickering**

Quentin T. & Shaun (Cole) Mougin

## 1979 MARRIAGES

**JANUARY**  
6 - Gary Butler, Cobleskill, N.Y. Dawn Cranson, Ashfield  
27 - Richard L. Sprague Jr., Ashfield Dianne Krutiak, Savoy, Mass.

Dawn Cranson, Ashfield

**Dianne Krutiak, Savoy, Mass.**

**MARCH**  
10 - Roger W. Lamoureux, Ashfield      Joyce E. Ovitt, Bernardston, Mass.

Joyce E. Ovitt, Bernardston, Mass.

MAY	
5 - Dwight H. Scott, Ashfield	Deborah L. Tatro, Ashfield
12 - Richard H. Pree, Ashfield	
19 - Richard C. Rudinski, Ashfield	Carol L. Hackett, Ashfield

Deborah L. Tatro, Ashfield

12 - Richard H. Pree, Ahfield

Carol L. Hackett, Ashfield

**JUNE**

24 - Peter F. Sabatowicz, Ashfield	Vicki Romm, Ashfield
24 - Bruce M. Willis, Charlotte, N.C.	Gillian T. Brogan, Charlotte, N.C.

Vicki Romm, Ashfield

Gillian T. Brogan, Charlotte, N.C.

**JULY**  
26 - Steven O. Sherman, Ashfield                      Lynn I. Kline, Ashfield

Lynn I. Kline, Ashfield

SEPTEMBER

1 - William M. Hertzberg, Madison, Wisc. Ellen F. Leue, Madison, Wisc.  
1 - Brian M. Siano, Greenfield, Mass.  
Julie (Herringshaw) Butler, Greenfield, Mass.  
8 - Daniel E. Lumnah, Plainville, Mass.  
Corinne J. Loomis, Attleboro, Mass.

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Corinne J. Loomis, Attleboro, Mass.

OCTOBER  
6 - Mark S. VanIderstine, Ashfield  
Dianne E. Wheeler, Worthington, Mass.

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Dianne E. Wheeler, Worthington, Mass.

NOVEMBER  
10 - Thomas E. Graves, Ashfield    Bernice Coleman, Pleasantville, N.Y.

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DECEMBER  
29 - C. Lyndon Bixby, III, Buckland, Mass.  
Debra (Loomis) Shulda, Ashfield

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Debra (Loomis) Shulda, Ashfield

29 - David Lanoue, Ashfield

Diane Doneilo, Buckland, Mass.

## 1979 DEATHS

Name	Years	Mos.	Days
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
12 - Frederick Kiley Hillman	84	3	22
20 - Walter Franklin Field	77	3	21
<b>MARCH</b>			
7 - F. Deane Carter	95	0	2
9 - Edwin W. Dutcher	77	3	19
<b>MAY</b>			
15 - Alta (Williams) Townsley	96	9	15
<b>AUGUST</b>			
11 - Carrie (Chapin) Sears	89	7	18
17 - William Nelson Nye	21	4	13
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
6 - James K. Conrad	67	0	7
10 - Gilbert E. Shaw	57	1	11
13 - Mary (Pease) Taylor	92	7	18
20 - Mabel (Veber) Sears	79	9	24
25 - Ernest W. Burton	56	0	3
25 - M. Lawrence Fuller	82	5	0
29 - Mildred (Bradford) Scott	80	11	25
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
13 - Bruce E. DuPree	23	6	16
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
3 - Kenneth M. Dubuque	70	0	14
13 - Charles Asa Culver	74	7	2
23 - Mary (Otfinowski) Ogorzalek	71	0	10
24 - Frederick R. Hallaman	56	0	0

## ELECTION & BALLOTING

	Registered Voters	Votes Cost
Annual Town Election, April 7, 1979	802	367

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1979 - December 31, 1979

84 Males	@ \$ 3.00	\$ 252.00	
11 Females	@ 6.00	66.00	
63 Spayed Females	@ 3.00	189.00	
9 Kennel	@ 10.00	90.00	\$ 597.00
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Paid to Town Treasurer		\$ 538.55	
Fees retained		58.45	\$ 597.00

## FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1979 - December 31, 1979

60 Res. Fishing		\$ 495.00	
49 Res. Hunting		404.25	
48 Res. Sporting		669.00	
5 Minor Fishing		31.25	
2 Non-res. Fishing		28.50	
3 7-day Non-res. Fishing		24.75	
3 Duplicates		3.00	
4 Non-res. Hunting		144.00	
11 Res. Sporting (Over 70)		Free	
3 Res. Fishing (Paraplegic, etc.)		Free	
2 Res. Hunting (Paraplegic, etc.)		Free	
3 Res. Fishing (Age 65-69)		12.30	
1 Res. Hunting (Age 65-69)		4.10	
8 Res. Sporting (Age 65-69)		57.00	
2 Res. Trapping (Age 65-69)		13.00	
20 Archery Stamps		102.00	
11 Waterfowl Stamps		13.75	\$ 2,001.90
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Paid to Commonwealth		\$ 1,950.90	
Fees retained		51.00	\$ 2,001.90

Respectfully submitted,  
ELEANOR M. WARD  
Town Clerk

# Town Treasurer's Report

JULY 1978 — June 1979  
FISCAL YEAR 1979

Cash Balance June 30, 1978

\$ 192,729.90

## RECEIPTS.

### Tax Receipts

1972 Personal Property	\$ 164.10
1973 Personal Property	9.00
1974 Personal Property	16.37
1974 - 75 Real Estate	329.11
1974 - 75 Personal Property	270.00
1975 - 76 Real Estate	4,302.37
1975 - 76 Personal Property	260.99
1976 - 77 Real Estate	11,100.25
1976 - 77 Personal Property	388.40
1977 - 78 Real Estate	46,088.21
1977 - 78 Personal Property	1,133.03
1978 - 79 Real Estate	365,494.23
1978 - 79 Personal Property	25,810.54
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1968	108.90
Levy of 1972	344.70
Levy of 1973	1,093.64
Levy of 1974	364.71
Levy of 1975	724.05
Levy of 1976	2,281.61
Levy of 1977	8,245.71
Levy of 1978	30,738.46
Levy of 1979	18,573.95

### Farm Animal Exise

Levy of 1977	229.70
Levy of 1978	3,691.45

### Interest

Real Estate, Personal Property,	
Farm Animal	4,769.56
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,313.97

Demands	962.00
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----- \$ 528,809.01



Accounts Receivable	
Tuition from other Schools	3,828.88
Trust Fund Income	
Library - Fred A. Cross Fund	267.92
M.M. Belding Endowment	144.86
Park - Whiting St. Fund	129.12
M.M. Belding Endowment	144.86
Cemetery Funds	173.92
Interest on Treasurer's Cash 8411	2,418.83
Interest on Series H Bond	537.54
Country Bank Dividends	45.00
Mass. Withholding Tax	12,932.70
County Retirement Deductions	6,550.23
Blu Cross-Blue Shield Deductions	8,241.29
Road Machinery Earnings	2,615.90
School Lunch Program	
Hot Lunch Receipts	8,369.46
State USDA Receipts	11,777.17
Dog Licenses	379.65
Ambulance	
Earnings	613.30
Memory Funds	898.50
Gifts	130.00
CPR Doll Mission	265.00
Public Health Nursing Fees	787.70
Police-Ins. Reports, Gun I. D.'s	
Pistol Permits	523.00
District Court of Franklin - Fines	426.98
Franklin County Dog Refund	268.48
Receipts, Permits, Licenses, etc.	
Allotment for School Census	150.00
Amusement License	49.50
Bicentennial Booklet, Sales of	7.00
Board of Appeals	40.00
Building Inspections	150.00
Building Permits	916.00
Business Permits	25.00
Class II Used Car License	10.00
Culverts, Sale of	440.55
Dance Permits	6.00
Disposal Works Permits	34.00
Equipment, Use of	542.20
Explosive License	4.00
Explosive Registration	2.00
Fire Dept. Earnings	240.00

Flea Market Permit	2.00	
Flu Clinic	5.00	
Gas Licenses	16.00	
Gas Registrations	104.00	
General Licenses	13.00	
Histories, Town		
Vol. I	384.00	
Vol. II	90.00	
Installers Permits	65.00	
Liquor Licenses	500.00	
Lunch Counter Permit	12.00	
Milk License	2.00	
Music Revolving Fund	100.00	
N.E. Telephone Refund	15.38	
Pyrofax Gas Corp. Refund	12.30	
Raffle Permits	20.00	
Rent, Town Hall	113.00	
Sander, Sale of	75.00	
Scraping Driveways	18.30	
Street List, Sale of	2.00	
Sunday License	5.00	
Tag Sale Permits	24.00	
Town Report, Sale of	3.00	
	-----	\$ 66,667.52
U.S. Treasury- Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance	640.00	640.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Civil Defense	150.00	
Department of Public Works	29,000.00	
Elderly Exceptions	1,375.98	
Highway Fund	28,095.00	
Hwy. & Transit Development	36,145.00	
Local Aid	12,098.00	
Local Aid (additional)	1,192.61	
Loss of Taxes on Land	2,943.48	
Lottery, Beano, Charity games	3,646.00	
Public Libraries	1,000.00	
R.E. Abatements for the Blind	87.50	
School Aid	16,492.00	
Transportation of Pupils Chap. 71	17,272.00	
Transportation of Pupils Chap. 71A	742.00	
Veterans Benefits	696.41	
	-----	\$ 150,935.98
Transfers		
Ambulance Savings Acct.	500.00	

Revenue Sharing	12,800.00	13,300.00
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		\$ 953,082.41
Revenue Sharing Receipts	17,436.00	
Interest	1,092.69	

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants	546,152.79	
School Warrants	284,992.68	
School Lunch Warrants	17,902.83	-----
		\$ 849,048.30
Cash Balance June 30, 1979		104,034.11
Country Bank - Checking Account		30,227.39
United Savings Bank No. 8411 Treasurer's Cash		73,806.72
United Savings Bank No. 10827 Revenue Sharing		21,150.10

#### Town Funds June 30, 1979

Ambulance 12277	1,064.01
Ambulance Flora Tatro 1011831	5,579.76
Fred Cross 19520	7,471.59
Fred Cross 100-5779	46,571.32
William Hathaway 9308	13,793.99
Susan Howes 10000488	1,365.17
Major King 10001692	6,831.53
Eliza Miller 10007780	1,751.38
Eliza Miller 12 589	4,403.59
Eliza Miller 28555	380.47
Eliza Miller 10007788	1,964.55
Eliza Miller 5545	6,522.13
Salmon Miller 69847	2,883.71
Salmon Miller 45 771	5,663.18
Stabilization 11020753	5,156.14
Henry Taylor 3936	5,756.32

#### JULY 1, 1979 - DECEMBER 31, 1979

#### First Six Months - Fiscal 1980

Cash Balance June 30, 1979	\$ 104,034.11
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#### RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts	
1974 - 75 Personal Property	200.64
1975 - 76 Real Estate	249.22
1975 - 76 Personal Property	259.68

1976 - 77 Real Estate	3,757.73	
1976 - 77 Personal Property	34.67	
1977- 78 Real Estate	5,122.86	
1977 - 1978 Personal Property	199.45	
1978 - 1979 Real Estate	35,445.94	
1978 - 79 Personal Property	921.93	
1979 - 80 Real Estate	193,391.10	
1979 - 80 Personal Property	15,207.92	
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1972	16.50	
Levy of 1974	234.90	
Levy of 1975	322.10	
Levy of 1976	91.60	
Levy of 1977	395.51	
Levy of 1978	1,376.75	
Levy of 1979	27,922.33	
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1977	183.95	
Levy of 1978	56.10	
Levy of 1979	3,330.95	
Interest		
Real Estate, Personal Property,		
Farm Animal	2,762.50	
Motor Vehicle Excise	115.31	
Demands	491.00	
	-----	292,090.64
Accounts Receivable		
Tuition from other Schools	52,806.20	
Trust Fund Income		
Library-Fred A. Cross Fund	136.04	
Park-Whiting Street Fund	65.55	
Cemetery Funds	88.36	
Interest on Treasurer's Cash	215.78	
Interest on Series H Bonds	266.25	
Country Bank Dividends	15.00	
Mass. Withholding Tax	6,075.01	
County Retirement Deductions	3,168.14	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions	2,560.24	
Road Machinery Earnings	5,290.55	
School Lunch Program		
Hot Lunch Receipts	3,336.23	
State USDA Receipts	3,889.13	
Sanderson Academy Music Revolving Fund	110.00	
Dog Licenses	233.80	

<b>Ambulance</b>		
Earnings	35.00	
Memory	990.00	
Gifts	120.00	
<b>Ashfield American Legion Donation</b>		
towards new Ambulance	1,000.00	
<b>Public Health Nursing Fees</b>	1,069.40	
<b>District Court of Franklin - Fines</b>	175.00	
<b>Receipts, Permits, Licenses, etc.</b>		
Amusement Licenses	50.40	
Bicentennial Booklet, Sale of	9.00	
Board of Appeals Hearing	10.00	
Building Inspections	25.00	
Building Permits	409.00	
Business Permits	5.00	
Culvert, Sale of	63.80	
Disposal Work Permits	16.00	
Equipment, Use of	59.50	
Fire Department Earnings	325.00	
Gas Licenses	20.00	
Gas Registrations	18.00	
General License	2.00	
Histories, Town		
Vol. I	132.00	
Volume II	30.00	
Installers Permits	20.00	
Liquor ID	2.00	
Liquor License	50.00	
Lunch Counter Permit	6.00	
Municipal Tax Lien Certificates	45.00	
Metropolitan Petroleum Refund	1,421.13	
N. E. Telephone Refund	3.00	
Notice of Intent Hearing (Con. Comm)	25.00	
Raffle Permits	20.00	
Rent, Town Hall	36.00	
Sunday License	5.00	
Tag Sale Permits	16.00	
Vendors License	2.00	
	-----	84,471.51
<b>U. S. Treasury EPA Boston GO185</b>	18,400.00	18,400.00
<b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts Receipts</b>		
Civil Defense	37.50	
Dept. of Public Works, Ch. 765	82,100.00	
Elderly Persons Tax Abatement	1,230.96	



Hwy Fund Ch 497 58S18B	22,077.00	
Local Aid Ch 58 S18C	3,365.00	
Local Aid, Add'l Assistance	8,466.00	
Loss of Taxes on State Land	2,916.50	
Public Welfare - Tuition & Trans.	1,048.00	
School Aid Ch 70 C58S18A	17,458.00	
Tuition for State Wards	3,535.00	
Veterans Benefits	836.51	
	-----	143,070.47
Municipal Loans	125,000.00	125,000.00
<b>Transfers</b>		
From New Ambulance Acct.	5,829.11	
From Fred Cross Acct.	1,091.00	
From Revenue Sharing Acct.	19,442.25	26,362.36
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		\$ 793,429.09
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Revenue Sharing Receipts	9,672.00	
Interest	539.73	

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants	583,332.27	
School Warrants	114,083.39	
School Lunch Warrants	7,636.60	
	-----	705,052.26
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		\$ 88,376.83
<b>Cash Balance December 31, 1979</b>		
Country Bank - Checking Acct.		34,354.33
United Savings Bank No. 8411 Treasurer's Cash		54,022.50
United Savings Bank No. 10827 Revenue Sharing		11,919.58

Faye Whitney-Lussier  
**TREASURER**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were several changes in police procedure during 1979, both on the State level and within the department itself.

A new Court Reform Bill, effective 1-1-79 changed Chapter 90 offenses to mostly noncriminal offenses. Therefore, violators of these offenses have a choice of paying a fine or the right to have a show-cause hearing and trial before a six man jury. This caused confusion among the courts and police officers as to the interpretation of the new law and the right to arrest. Police officers throughout the area hesitated writing citations until this confusion was cleared up and an agreement reached on the interpretation. This is why the number of citations is lower than in 1978. This will also lower the court hours.

I have been informed by Major Von Flatten of the State Police that the Federal Government has formed a Highway Safety program to help cities and towns. The State Police will be putting their efforts on Rt. 112 from Colrain to Rt. 9 in Goshen and on Rt. 116 from Amherst to Ashfield to curb accidents. The emphasis will be on driving under the influence and speeding. This will increase the efficiency of our department and the help will be welcome.

In order to keep up with the increasing demands of our department, classes, meetings and reports that are becoming an on-going necessity to keep the department up to date, a meeting was held at the end of the year to involve the part-time men in some of this wisdom gathering. Steve Greenman is head of the Crime Watch Program. He is being trained through the Criminal Justice Training Council on crime and burglary prevention. He will be available to residents to give them information on locks, types of alarm systems and the use of engraving on their valuables to make their homes and property more secure. We are in hopes that the insurance compa-

nies in the area will support this program and donate the services of the engravers to the local police department. Steve will begin training sessions in March for three consecutive Sundays. These training sessions are put on by the Mass. Criminal Justice Training Council and will be held at Amherst College especially for small town, part-time police officers.

Warren Kirkpatrick was made Captain in charge and second in command. He has had over 10 years with the department and is the senior officer.

We have created a photography unit and purchased a very good camera with funds from our roast beef dinner. John LaBelle will be pursuing courses in that field as soon as they are available. Photographing accidents, vandalism and breaks will give us more accurate records.

Ken Howes is in charge of all equipment and special mention goes to him on the time he has donated on maintaining the cruiser and keeping costs down.

We bought 4 pocket pagers with money from the roast beef dinner. This will keep us in contact with the radio system without being tied to the cruiser.

An unexpected added expense during 1979 was the cost of ammunition. This was due to a new requirement by the state that all police officers qualify in pistol and rifle once a year.

Our breaks are holding with last year but would like to see them lower. We hope, through the Watch Program, this will be possible. Vandalism is still with us, which is so senseless and unnecessary. There were tractor tires slashed, highway signs painted over and-or knocked down, mailbox incidents, vehicle windows stoned and a rash of gasoline thefts. Again, may I emphasize reporting vehicle numbers and anything that just does not look right. Residents have been very cooperative and we need to keep up the good work.

I want to thank all the members of the department and their wives for their enthusiasm, support and cooperation. I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated group of men and women. The support and cooperation of the residents is gratifying. The support the selectmen have given the police department has been greatly appreciated. We realize times today are not the best financially for a small town. I hope the understanding and cooperation between the two offices can continue and make 1980 an even better year.

### STATISTICS REPORT

	1979	1978
Mileage	23,400	30,835
Calls	2,025	1,977
Investigations	235	180
Dogs	65	78
Accidents	31	20
Death investigations	0	1
Assaults	3	3
Breaks	20	18
Thefts	8	8
Drugs	1	1
Vandalism	4	3
Summons & Warrants	7	12
F.I.D. Cards	35	24
Pistol Permits	31	23
Trips to the hospital	4	4
Court Appearances	Approx. 35 hrs.	33-72 hrs.
Tickets & Citations	40	61

Walter D. Zalenski  
*Police Chief*

## Report of the Fire Department

The Fire Department had an unexpected visitor early last fall in the shape of an Inspector from the Insurance Rating Bureau. He spent 2½ days here inspecting all fire equipment, department records, training programs, alarm systems, condition of buildings in town, location and availability of alternate water supplies and an inspection of the hydrant system in the center of town. Although we have not received the written report as of this date, the inspection was most helpful in showing us the weaknesses in our fire defenses in various areas and the steps to be taken to correct these deficiencies. Homeowner's insurance premiums will reflect the results of the Rating Bureau's inspection.

Our maintenance program continues and Engine No. 1 received a new paint job. We purchased new gate valves for Engine No. 1, 420 feet of 1½" hose, a holder for the smoke ejector and a wrench set. The Firemen's Association, with monies earned for the Fire Department, purchased a set of roof ladder hooks, a water flow gauge, fog lights for Engine No. 1 & No. 3, a CB radio for Engine No. 2 and outside radio speakers for Engine No. 1 & No. 2.

Three members of the department took courses last fall at Meadowood Drill Yard in New Hampshire on Fire Hazards & Causes and Fire Streams. Local drills consisted of Relay Pumping, Oil Fires, Gas Fires in cars & trucks and films on Fire Streams and Friction Loss.

The assessed value of insured property involved in fire emergencies during 1979 was \$472,800. The amount paid out to cover losses was \$12,550.16. There was \$400 worth of losses not covered by insurance. We issued 8 Oil burner permits, one Kerosene permit, one Blasting permit and 3 Black powder permits.



The daily log for the year is as follows :

### RESPONSE REPORTS

1-11-79	5:20 P.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Chimney fire
1-25-79	11:30 A.M.	West Rd.	Pole fire
2- 4-79	3:25 P.M.	Phillips Rd.	Chimney fire
2- 5-79	4:05 P.M.	Suburban Dr.	Accident
2- 8-79	4:45 P.M.	Bellus Rd.	Chimney fire
2-11-79	10:05 P.M.	Rte. 116-So. Ashfield	Stove pipe fire
2-13-79	11:15 A.M.	Rte. 112-Ashfield Mtn.	Dump fire
2-17-79	2:40 P.M.	Hawley Rd.	Structure fire
2-17-79	11:55 P.M.	Buckland Rd.	Structure fire
3- 2-79	3:10 P.M.	Charlemont	Mutual Aid
3-13-79	10:30 A.M.	Rte. 112-Ashfield Mtn.	Vehicle fire
3-19-79	10:00 P.M.	Hill Rd.	Chimney fire
3-20-79	9:55 P.M.	Buckland Rd.	Structure fire
3-22-79	3:15 P.M.	Lilliput Rd.	Appliance fire
3-24-79	4:10 P.M.	Rte. 116-So. Ashfield	False alarm
4- 9-79	9:20 A.M.	North St.	Medical emergency
4-21-79	5:25 P.M.	Rte. 116-So. Ashfield	Chimney fire
4-28-79	2:45 P.M.	Steady Lane	Illegal burning
5-10-79	8:35 A.M.	Rtes. 112 & 116	Gas spill
5-15-79	11:00 A.M.	Main St.	Paint fumes
5-19-79	12:15 P.M.	East Hawley	Mutual Aid
5-30-79	11:45 A.M.	Apple Valley	Grease fire
6-16-79	4:00 P.M.	Shelburne Center	Mutual Aid
6-18-79	8:20 A.M.	Main St.	Malfunction in alarm
6-19-79	12:10 P.M.	Chapel Falls	Brush fire
6-30-79	9:30 P.M.	Suburban Dr.	Pole fire
7-11-79	6:30 P.M.	Buckland Rd.	Wash down
7-11-79	11:30 P.M.	Ball field	Brush fire
7-12-79	3:40 P.M.	Pony Cliffs	Brush fire
7-16-79	11:15 P.M.	Main St.	Faulty sprinkler
7-26-79	5:05 P.M.	Conway	Mutual Aid
8- 5-79	12:05 P.M.	Town Beach	Wash down
9- 6-79	11:00 A.M.	South St.	Wires down
9- 9-79	9:30 A.M.	Rte. 116-So. Ashfield	Smoke investigation
9-15-79	1:30 P.M.	Watson Rd.	Structure fire
9-26-79	11:55 A.M.	West Rd.	Appliance fire
10- 6-79	5:30 P.M.	Rtes. 112 & 116	Accident
10-22-79	5:50 P.M.	Conway	Mutual Aid
11- 6-79	11:05 A.M.	Main St.	Flooded oil heater
11-17-79	1:45 P.M.	Main St.	Faulty sprinkler

11-24-79	5:45 P.M.	Charlemont	Mutual Aid
11-26-79	7:30 A.M.	Bellus Rd.	Chimney fire
11-26-79	9:15 A.M.	Conway	Mutual Aid
11-28-79	7:43 A.M.	Rte. 112-Ashfield Mtn.	Vehicle fire
12- 1-79	8:35 P.M.	Old Deerfield	Mutual Aid
12- 7-79	3:50 P.M.	Rte. 112-Ashfield Mtn.	Dump fire
12-12-79	9:40 A.M.	Norton Hill Rd.	Flooded oil burner
12-18-79	4:30 A.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Structure fire
12-18-79	7:15 P.M.	Ludwig Branch Rd.	Chimney fire
12-19-79	7:10 A.M.	Main St.	Smoke investigation
12-19-79	2:15 P.M.	Spruce Corner Rd.	Accident

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert VanInderstine  
*Fire Chief*

## Zoning Board of Appeals Report

During the year 1979, the Zoning Board of Appeals had only one Use Variance appeal to consider. This appeal was granted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Appeals  
Ralph E. Townsley, *Chairman*  
William H. Schreiber  
Marianna T. Graves  
Kenneth A. Lilly, *Associate*  
Clayton C. Craft, *Associate*

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

I'm sure that everyone knows that our Civil Defense Headquarters are located in the basement of the Belding Memorial Library; this, too, can be used as a Fallout Shelter. It is equipped with a standby emergency generator as well as a Civil Defense Communications Radio. The Fallout Shelter is equipped with some emergency supplies as well as some medications.

The truck that was acquired two years ago has been very useful to the various departments in the town. It is available for use by the Fire Department, Highway Department and Police Department. Its only repair has been the rebuilding of the gas tank. It is available to use in case of emergencies in places where ordinary vehicles cannot be used. For example, when there was a bad fire in the Bear Swamp Area, it was just the answer for transporting men and equipment quickly to the scene who, otherwise, would have had to walk in and lug in equipment. The Police and Highway Departments can use it where a vehicle is needed and a conventional vehicle cannot be used.

The CB radio base unit is housed at the Police Department and is always monitoring Channel 9. It is an asset to the Police Department in case of an emergency or disaster as a whole network can be set up outside of the police network, between home and vehicle operated C.B.'s and the base unit. Persons who are in trouble either on the highway or in their homes and have a CB can be in touch with us through the base unit.

Again, I will repeat that the primary need for Civil Defense preparedness results from the ever present threat of a nuclear attack and in a secondary role, it is a great value in case of any type of disaster which might strike this area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mildred Reniff  
*Civil Defense Director*

# **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING REPORT**

To the citizens of the Town of Ashfield,

Our Public Health Nursing Agency serves the towns of Sunderland, Whately, Conway and Ashfield and the schools of these four towns.

There were 1167 home nursing visits made in 1979. Of this number, 237 visits were made to Ashfield residents.

Income, turned into the Town Treasurer, for home nursing visits during 1979 was \$787.00. Nursing visits continue to increase due to earlier discharge of patients from a medical facility and the availability of Home Health Aides, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy for the patient in the home.

State and Federal Government mandates are making it very difficult for a small nursing agency to perform in an efficient and economical manner. For this reason, consideration is currently being given to disbanding the four town nursing agency. Discussions are being held with the Greenfield Visiting Nursing Association and the Montague Nursing Agency, which will provide the same services our four town agency is now providing.

I wish to thank everyone for their assistance and interest during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Maiewski, R.N.  
*Public Health Nurse*



# REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Ashfield ;

A variety of tree work was accomplished this past year. This included tree removals, storm damage repair and clean-up, pruning, stump removal and planting.

As usual a certain amount of trees (approximately 25) were removed that were dead or dying. In some instances, trees that were considered dangerous due to structural weakness had to be removed. In either case, the wood derived from the removal was wisely utilized by the homeowner or abutter for fuel purposes.

An ice storm, wind and a small hurricane called "David" produced a lot of tree repair work and cleanup. At times the brush dump seemed to be filled to capacity from all this.

A stump removal contract was awarded for the removal of 24 stumps around town. The stump holes were later loamed and seeded.

New street trees were purchased and have been planted at proper sites. A variety of tree species was used according to their tolerance and adaptability to certain environmental conditions.

Pruning and line clearance work by the utilities have kept most of Ashfield's trees in good condition over the years.

I would like to extend my thanks to Ralph Graves and his highway crew for helping me out when I needed equipment and manpower.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ramon R. Sears  
*Tree Warden*



# **REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Ashfield Conservation Commission held nine regular meetings during 1979, all open to the public and usually attended by one or more interested persons, not members of the Commission, notably Roger Harris and Mrs. Steinmetz.

We continue to keep touch with the work of the Westfield River Watershed Council about green belt protection along streams and rivers. We are not aware of any threats to rivers and streams in Ashfield but welcome clues to any such conditions.

The Environmental Protection Agency banned the use of the poison 2-4-5-T and we have word from Northeast Utilities, in response to our inquiry, that they are abiding by the order. This matter is held over from last year and is not yet fully resolved.

We continue to be responsible for carrying out the provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act which requires our judgment about any dredging, filling or altering of any wetland. Anyone planning such work should get in touch with us before beginning it. We have had one case during the year involving the restoring of a dam and dredging Chapel Brook. A public hearing was held on August 20th and permission granted for the work with some conditions.

We continue to be interested in sharing information with any who wish to take advantage of the Agriculture Preservation Act which helps to make it possible for farm land to remain in farm use rather than falling prey to development by purchasing development rights either by the Town or the Commonwealth.

As members of the Mass. Assoc. of Conservation Commissions, we send representatives to semi-annual meetings with the benefit of learning what is happening in other towns and in understanding new regulations.

Roger Harris keeps us informed of the activities of the Energy Conservation Committee though we have no structural relationship with it.

Our Chairman, being now a Selectman, is not eligible for reappointment when his term ends this year. He will be greatly missed.

Russell Fessenden, *Chairman*  
Philip Humason Steinmetz, *Secretary*  
Linwood B. Lesure  
Russell V. Loomis, Jr.  
Mary S. Lucas  
*Conservation Commission*

# Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program

July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

The Fiscal Year of 1979 became a year of changes and additions to the Massachusetts Building Code and new mandated work requirements. The Massachusetts Building Code Commission adopted a new modified building code; identified as the Third Edition, this code contains a substantial *portion* of the 1978 BOCA Seventh Edition (Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.). Many sections were modified to conform to Massachusetts laws.

We welcome the town of Conway into our Cooperative and offer the services of our office to these residents and all persons concerned with zoning and building code regulations.

The Massachusetts Building Code's original objective was to promote the health and safety of buildings and persons. Through various amendments of state and federal laws, a series of new and unrelated duties and jobs have been added to the requirements performed by the building inspector, some of which are as follows: Enforcement of Zoning Bylaws, Flood Control Regulations, Thermostat Setting Inspector for Public Buildings, Solar Equipment and Collectors and their Installations, Insulation, Air Infiltration Code, BOCA Mechanical Code covering the installation of new equipment and machinery.

Solid Fuel Burning Appliances - As of January 1, 1980, the Code requires a Testing Laboratory Seal of Approval, tested to UL 1482 Standards. New and used appliances may be inspection and approval will be given if the units are free of defects and installed in accordance with State Code Regulations.

Today the solid burning device is one of the most serious hazards to structures and to human life. A stove or furnace burning wood or coal creates a much higher flue temperature than oil or gas and there is a serious difference in operation. These solid fuels cannot be turned off when a desired room temperature is reached, thus creating the problem of dampening the burning equipment by the reduction of combustion air. This produces a slower burning fire which then creates a by-product of unburned fuel in the form of soot, creosote, or methane gas. When the continual build-up of these by-products in the flue area, smoke pipe, and chimney becomes ignited, it causes a chimney fire and very intense (1700 degrees plus) can be generated in the chimney. Proper installation and careful cleaning of stove pipes and chimneys reduces the hazard of chimney fires. Many fires are caused by careless disposal of ashes, operation, storage of fuel, and household furnishings being placed too close to the stove.

A permit is required for new and used stove installations. Our office will supply information regarding proper clearances and other related requirements.

Please feel free to call our office for information concerning zoning, use of land and building, and construction-related problems.

I report a summary of activities performed by the Building Inspector for the Fiscal Year 1979 on the following page.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward D. Crafts  
*Building Commissioner*

*Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program*  
Report for Fiscal Year — July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

Town	Permits	Value	Dwellings	Permit Fees	Certif. of Occupancy	Certif. of Inspection	C-I Fees Collected
Ashfield	47	\$ 617,792	12	\$ 943	9	10	\$ 75
Bernardston	54	1,839,856	11	3,158	6	18	200
Buckland	54	295,256	3	572	3	6	103
Charlemont	54	681,690	13	1,197	9	15	200
Erving*	38	394,407	7	721	5	15	225
Gill	51	471,073	6	937	4	36	911
Hawley	13	123,402	3	254	1	5	30
Heath	30	368,518	10	621	2	1	0
Monroe	1	16,200	0	28	0	0	0
Shelburne	42	857,989	5	1,449	8	32	435
Shutesbury	42	445,033	7	777	6	17	95
TOTALS	426	\$6,111,216	77	\$10,657	53	155	\$2,274

\* Does not charge permit fees - Figure is if fees were collected and are included in total.



## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The Belding Memorial Library began a film program the latter half of 1979. Films were shown at the library once a month on the third Wednesday after school and the third Thursday evening. This film program will continue through April.

The State Aid to Libraries bill was vetoed by the Governor in 1979 which means that there will be cutbacks within the Western Regional Library System that will be felt among the small town libraries. Bookmobile visits to Ashfield will be every 8 or 9 weeks instead of the former 6 weeks. The film center has been closed in Greenfield and those groups desiring films will have to go through their town library rather than Greenfield.

A total of approximately 500 books were added to the library's collection during 1979, about 300 of these were purchased and about 200 were donated by residents. The rising cost of books has shown with about 100 less books purchased in 1979 as compared to 1978. We wish to extend our gratitude to residents who donated books, games and puzzles during the year, and money given to buy books.

We are always looking for displays for our cabinet especially around holidays. In 1979 Mrs. Eleanor Hargraves loaned us her valentines for the month of February. Doris Howes had a display of crosses during the lenten and Easter season. In June and July we had a display of Pamela Zalenski's bi-centennial bells. Linwood Williams loaned his button collection for display.

Circulation for the year was 13,330, new patrons numbered 143 and inter-library loans totaled 117. The children's story hour was held in August with 20 children attending. Our readers were Virginia Rich, Pat Chandler and James

Sherwood. Without them we would not have had a reading program.

The townspeople's support and patronage during the year was most gratifying. My sincere appreciation go to them and also to the members of the staff; Arlene DeLuca, Anne Judson, Lin Williams and Ray Sears, to the trustees for their support through out the year and members of my family who have come to my aid at a moments notice. The library as with any service to the public can not be a success through just one person's effort.

Barbara V. Zalenski  
*Librarian*

## *BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY*

### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

January 1, 1979 - June 30, 1979

#### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, January 1, 1979	\$ 421.62
Milo M. Belding Trust Fund	1,868.72
Milo M. Belding Surplus Fund	210.90
Town of Ashfield	2,400.00
State Aid	1,000.00
Lost books	34.72
Books sold	21.85
Interest on Now Account	8.92
Interest on Bank deposits	147.54
Insurance policy cancellation refund	28.00
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	\$ 6,142.27

#### EXPENDITURES

Salaries & services	\$ 2,840.75
Books and magazines	1,519.09
Office supplies	93.04
Electricity	196.15
Telephone	125.97

Janitor's supplies	59.44	
Desk fund	10.00	
Repairs & improvements	38.28	
Mileage	16.44	
Post Office box rent	8.00	
Check service charge	13.40	
Safe deposit box rent	10.00	
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		\$ 4,930.56
Cash on hand July 1, 1979		\$ 1,211.71

July 1, 1979 - December 31, 1979

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, July 1, 1979	\$ 1,211.71	
Milo M. Belding Trust Fund	2,639.57	
Milo M. Belding Surplus Fund	210.90	
Town of Ashfield	1,500.00	
Fred Cross fund	267.92	
Interest on bank accounts	342.52	
Lost book	2.00	
Gifts	10.00	
Markle Memorial Fund	100.00	
Interest on Now Account	7.46	
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		\$ 6,292.08

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries & services	\$ 2,905.58	
Books & magazines	1,387.79	
Office supplies	100.04	
Electricity	161.95	
Telephone	124.84	
Janitor's supplies	30.49	
Desk fund	20.00	
Repairs & improvements	6.00	
Treasurer's bonds	164.00	
Membership-Mass. Library Trustees Assoc.	5.00	
Fuel	30.75	
Water	18.00	
Check service charge	14.61	
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		\$ 4,969.05
Cash on hand December 31, 1979		\$ 1,323.03

## LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Greenfield Savings Bank	\$ 4,566.87
Franklin Savings Institution	1,325.59
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,084.41
United Savings Bank, Conway	1,705.92
United Savings Bank, Shelburne Falls	1,079.46

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\$ 9,762.25

Hope Packard  
*Treasurer*

## Board of Assessors' Report

**-EXPLOSION!** During 1979 a total of about 69 (in 1978 only 47) "arms-length" sales of real estate vividly reminded the Board of 1972 and 1973 when they averaged 74 per year at rapidly rising prices. Likewise in 1979, sales prices of both vacant, unimproved land and residential tracts often jumped substantially above the sum in each tract of theretofore discernable and calculable tangible and intangible assets; suggesting a strong inflationary factor at work. The consequence of the explosion will be inescapably a markedly higher plateau of valuations by the Board as of 1-1-80. Mathematically as a seesaw, a rise of plateau alone lowers the tax rate; but in 1980 a drop of rate is not now predictable, since the Board expects a substantial increase for Fiscal Year '81 in Town's budgeted costs, especially of schools and highways which together recently have practically equalled assessed taxes and excises.

January 1, 1979, the Board added \$2,507,000, or 11 per cent, to the taxable real estate base of Ashfield, thereby bringing the total to \$26,925,000, or 5.8 times that of 1966, the year of the last major revaluation:

### VALUATION AND TAX DATA

YEAR**	VALUATION*			TAX	
	REAL ESTATE*	PERSONAL PROPERTY*	TOTAL*	RATE	TOTAL*
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	290.7
1972	8,999	1,162	10,160	30	304.8
1974	13,368	1,301	14,670	24	352.1
1976	19,254	1,459	20,713	19	393.5
1978	24,407	1,630	26,048	17.50	455.8
1979	26,925	1,909	28,834	17	490.2

\*Thousands of dollars

\*\* As of January 1



Based on sales in 1979 of tracts of vacant, unimproved land the Board has set up, as in previous years, its table of land valuations for assessment purposes as of 1-1-80. The sales can be categorized as follows:

TRACT SIZES (acres)	NO. OF SALES	AVERAGE SALE PRICE (per acre)
1.9 - 3.99	(4)	\$1,913
4.0 - 5.98	(8)	1,344
7.88 - 11.3	(6)	927
18.5 - 38.9	(7)	659
43.1 - 110	(5)	488
207*	(1)	169

\*one sale only - and early in year

During 1979 the Board again completed as many cost analyses as time permitted of dwellings and auxiliary buildings, which assist materially the Board in its annual chore of re-evaluation of every tract (some 970) in Ashfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Warren M. Chase, *Chairman*  
 Malcolm S. Clark  
 William H. Schreiber  
*Assessors*

## **Report of the Veterans' Agent Western Franklin District**

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ashfield, Mass.

Following is my report covering the activities of this Veterans Service Center for the past year:

Thirty seven (37) Veterans and their families requested financial help as provided by the applicable General Laws of the Commonwealth of Mass. A total of \$17,812.15 was given to them to pay for basic necessities such as food, fuel, shelter and medical expenses. Eight towns, in which the veterans resided, contributed the amount and as prescribed by law each of the Towns will be reimbursed fifty (50) percent by the state. The number of Veterans seeking such help was considerably less than the previous year.

During this period ten (10) of our Veterans passed away and this center became the focal point for the survivors in processing the various government applications for burial benefits, government life insurance proceeds, gravemarkers and claims for widows pensions or compensation. This service is one of the most important functions of this Center.

Additionally, we provided help to about 1600 individuals in matters ranging from simple Notary work, completing tax abatement forms, obtaining Certificates of Eligibility from the VA for home and educational loans to the more complex claims for increased pensions.

The Congress passed a new restructured pension law effective on January 1, 1979 to provide additional income for those veterans and their spouses who had very little. Numerous inquiries were received by us and a large number of income questionnaires were completed and sent to the Veterans Administration for those who felt they were eligible. One of the ben-

official aspects of the new law was the provision that whenever Social Security benefits were increased as a result of the cost of living the amount of the VA pension would also be increased by a like percentage and at the same time.

A special Vietnam Veterans week was proclaimed by President Carter from May 28-June 3, 1979 to mark a long due recognition to honor the millions of Americans who served in Southeast Asia.

Again many individuals and organizations in the various towns took the time to insure that our Veterans graves were decorated for Memorial Day. Over 2000 Flags were placed throughout the various cemeteries in the district. We owe a great deal of thanks to the individuals who perform this task every year.

In 1978, Massachusetts ranked as the 10th State in the Country with 868,000 Veterans. We can all feel proud that the state has a Veterans Agent in each town or area to whom these veterans can go to for help.

Edward P. Russell  
*Veterans Agent*

**REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN  
VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER**

**FISCAL 1979**

**July 1, 1978 - June 30, 1979**

Balance July 1, 1978

\$ 4,297.43

**Receipts:**

Town of Ashfield	\$ 2,164.00
Town of Buckland	1,855.00
Town of Charlemont	1,546.00
Town of Colrain	2,782.00

Town of Conway	1,702.00	
Town of Hawley	618.00	
Town of Heath	1,237.00	
Town of Monroe	618.00	
Town of Plainfield	618.00	
Town of Shelburne	2,319.00	
Flags and Markers	900.73	
Sales Photo Copy Supplies	35.00	
Refund P.O. Box Key	2.00	
Federal Withholding	1,471.20	
State Withholding	970.00	
Retirement Withholding	780.63	
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		\$ 19,618.56
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		\$ 23,915.99

**Payments:**

Edward P. Russell Dir.	\$ 10,250.00	
Jane Rice, Clerk	1,260.00	
Olive Wood, Treas.	150.00	
Clyde Churchill	125.00	
Rent	900.00	
Office Expense	872.19	
Agent's Expense	237.48	
Janitor	120.00	
Internal Revenue, FWT	1,471.20	
Comm. of Mass., SWT	970.00	
County of Franklin, Retirement	780.63	
Flags and Markers	878.60	
Treas. Bond	20.00	
Retirement Assessment	239.00	
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		\$ 18,274.10
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Balance June 30, 1979		\$ 5,641.89

Olive E. Wood  
Treasurer

## **AMBULANCE REPORT**

The new ambulance purchased by the townspeople has been in active duty since July responding to approximately half of the 69 calls for assistance. Many thanks go to the volunteers - dispatchers, crew members and radio operators - who continue to make the service possible.

For a second year Dana Brownstein acted as recording secretary for the Ambulance Association meetings, Nick Phelps organized continuing education sessions and Sanford Johnson coordinated dispatchers. Doug Field, Ken Howes, Sandy Johnson and Richard Steward kept the ambulance in good running order, clean and waxed. Janice Scott continued to acknowledge the receipt of your donations. Joe Cetto remained patiently on call night or day to work the radio and phone communications whenever the ambulance was out on a call. Beverly Brownstein organized the second annual tea and cookie concession during the Fall Festival and, with the help of contributions of time and refreshments from others, made the event a fundraising success.

Again this year, gifts and donations to the Ambulance fund allowed the Service to meet its operating expenses without taxation. Thanks are extended to the families and friends who made contributions to the fund in memory of F. Deane Carter, Charles Culver, Michael Daley, Glen Dickinson, Kenneth Dubuque, Edwin Dutcher, Amy Eldridge, Walter Field, Lawrence Fuller, Iva Maynard, William Nye, Agnes Parker, Emma Riggs, Mildred Scott, Gilbert Shaw, Mary Taylor and Alta Townsley. We would like to thank those who gave supplies and who gave to the fund in appreciation for help rendered.

The old ambulance has found a home with a volunteer service in a small town in New York where the Cadillac-type ambulance is still legal.



Ten items of the loan equipment were used during the year. The CPR dolls owned by the town were put to good use in training by the police department, fire department, the EMT course and for the Ambulance Association continuing education sessions.

The Service continued to thrive and grow. New dispatchers and crew members have brought our numbers to 59. Carolyn and Melvin Fox, Phyllis Graves, Nancy Guardia, Phyllis Kirkpatrick, Alice Libby, George and Sylvia Monk, Betty Nye, Cheryl Pease and Joyce and Robert Ruhloff joined the Service as dispatchers. Doug Field, Bonnie Johnson and Richard Steward became certified EMTs, and Mark Hurley, an EMT, moved into town. Nord Arvidson, Larry Beaudoin, Ken Howes, Noah Gordon, Bob Graveline, Barbara Kuhns and Robert Ruhloff became involved as crew members.

All members of the Service wish to again thank the town for the support it continues to give and for the opportunity to serve in time of need.

Beverly Duncan & Nathaniel Smith  
Co-directors  
*Ashfield Ambulance Service*

## Report of the PLANNING BOARD

The revised Zoning By-Laws have been re-codified, printed and are available, upon request, from the Town Clerk or from the Planning Board. Copies of the Subdivision Control Laws are also available from the same sources.

During the past year there have been no applications for sub-division approvals and plot-plan approval requests have been minimal. It seems that the energy crunch combined with a tight money market has chilled the "second home" boom experienced in the mid-seventies. However, it should be noted that a healthy growth in the construction of new principle residences persists.

Members of the Board continue to be concerned, not only with the drafting and adoption of adequate by-laws and ordinances but also, with the implementation and enforcement of such regulations. Board members welcome reports and inquiries from concerned residents regarding any apparent violations. The Board meets regularly at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P.M.

Our participation in County Planning Activities continues to be vigorous. Mr. Raymond T. Cassidy, former chairman of this Board, is currently serving as Chairman of the Franklin County Planning Board. Two other Ashfield representatives on the County Planning Board are Linwood Lesure and the present Chairman of this Board.

Edward W. Pepyne, *Chairman*  
Mary L. Tilley, *Clerk*  
Douglas M. Angleman  
Pauline J. Nye  
Edward A. Zagrubski

## Report of the DOG OFFICER

The past six months have proved to be both frustrating and enlightening. Frustrating because the dog situation is constant and the problems unsolvable. Enlightening because the cooperation and the concern of the town is heartwarming and dynamic.

The greatest problems are the abandonment of dogs by unwilling owners, the failure of owners to license their dogs and the number of dogs that are allowed to roam freely in the town. During the coming year, I hope that the townspeople will make the effort to register and control their dogs, thus protecting themselves and their neighbors.

I wish to thank the selectmen and the town for the support and cooperation of the past months.

### STATISTICS - June 1979 - December 1979

Number of Lost Dog contacts	46
Number of Problem Dog calls	26
Number of Biting Reports	3
Number of Dogs Confined & Released	19
Number of Dogs Confined & Unclaimed	11
Number of Contacts, other area Dog Officers	8
Number of Lost Dog contacts, out of town	13
Number of reported Animal Killings	1

Mark W. Spees  
*Dog Officer*

## ASHFIELD COUNCIL on AGING

The Ashfield Council on Aging met ten times during 1979 in the homes of its members. Occasionally there have been visitors at the meetings which are held at 10:00 A.M. on the first Tuesday of the month as a general rule.

The Council has cooperated with the Senior Center in Shelburne Falls and in helping to provide for the meals provided three times a week at the Shelburne Falls Meal Site in the Community Building.

One of our members, Edwin W. Dutcher, died during the year. Martin Cornman was appointed to serve the rest of his term of office. Another member, Harriet Pike, asked not to be reappointed when her term expired. In her place, Mrs. Carolyn Fox was appointed.

From time to time we have prepared articles for the Ashfield News having special interest to older persons. We also maintain a file of all persons 60 years of age or older and attempt to keep in occasional touch with them.

Providing transportation to the meals in Shelburne Falls was provided by Douglas Graves until a change in his mail route made it impractical.

Our present major area of interest is the possibility of providing more housing in Ashfield for those who cannot continue to maintain their own home. We are also actively interested in the possibility of better public transportation from Ashfield to Shelburne Falls and Greenfield.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

Philip H. Steinmetz, *Chairman*

Marianna T. Graves, *Secretary*

Martin E. Cornman

Carolyn Fox

Helene S. Walker



## Energy Conservation Committee Report

The Ashfield Energy Conservation Committee held monthly meetings throughout 1979. We have continued to prepare monthly articles for the *Ashfield News* and maintain a shelf of energy booklets at the Belding Memorial Library for the benefit of townspeople. We have maintained tremendous files on all aspects of energy conservation in order to be able to provide information to those who are wise enough to seek it. We are a local committee wishing to serve local interests.

This year we have audited the Ashfield Grange, the Congregational and Episcopal Churches and the Firehouse for energy efficiency. In addition, we have made an updated recommendation on the library. Some of our recommendations were immediately put into effect. We found the Firehouse to be the best insulated building of those surveyed. Some recommendations require a change in lifestyle - this will become a necessity in Ashfield as the supply and price of oil becomes intolerant in the next few years.

We have sponsored a presentation of the Franklin County Energy Study at the Grange Hall in July.

Our recommendation to the school committee concerning the E.C.A.P. municipal auditing program was accepted. Unfortunately, funds for this county service have since run out.

We came out for the Regional Transit Authority article on the town warrant and are pleased that service has now begun. We hope people will take advantage of this transportation system and make any suggestions required to improve the schedule if necessary. We also hope that people will seriously consider carpooling and use the *Ashfield News* column as a vehicle to find a person going where you go.



In addition to the activities listed above, we have assisted county and state governments with energy information, visited a couple of alternative energy installations in the area, and distributed "Managing Energy on the Farm" booklets to Ashfield farmers.

In the future, we will assist in setting up a recycling station for aluminum at the town dump-transfer station, sponsor a wood energy presentation, and attempt to implement the *Franklin County Energy Goals and Policy Document 1980-85*, approved by the Franklin County Energy Conservation Task Force, the county Planning Board, and the County Commissioners in fall 1979.

Roger Harris continues to be the town representative to the nationally-acclaimed, county-wide Energy Conservation Task Force. The most recent activities of this organization include the afore-mentioned Policy Document, the Wood-Waste electric plant feasibility study, the oil-burner workshop and a bundle of other items coordinated out of the county Energy Office.

The committee urges all residents of the town to take energy conservation and renewable energy sources seriously so that we may perhaps have an energy self-sufficient town sometime in the future.

Th Ashfield Energy Conservation Committee usually meets on the third Friday of each month. All meetings are open to the public.

Roger Harris, *Chairman*  
Martin Cornman, *Clerk*  
Richard Chandler  
Thomas Leue  
Albert Pieropan

## **Annual Report of the Fred W. Wells Trustees**

The Fred W. Wells Trust continued to benefit residents of the participating towns during 1979 in the areas of Health, Agriculture and Education.

Funding assistance was again provided to Project Horizon through the Franklin County Mental Health Association. A grant of \$15,000 was also made to strengthen the finances of the Mohawk Medical Center.

Awards for agriculture achievement were made through the Franklin County Agricultural Society, the Health Fair and the Future Farmers of America Chapter at the Franklin County Regional Technical School.

Educational awards in the amount of \$47,575.00 were made for the 1979-1980 school year to be paid to various educational institutions for the benefit of 77 area students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas M. Angleman  
*Trustee*

## **NINE-TOWN AREA SCHOOL DEPT.**

### **Superintendent of Schools Report**

It is with pleasure as well as anticipation that I submit my first annual report as the superintendent for the nine-town area schools. It is with pleasure that I share my initial impressions of the several school districts. The sincerity and commitment of the school committee members, administrators, teachers, custodians, secretaries, cafeteria workers, and others too numerous to mention is outstanding. It is with anticipation that I look forward to working with all of you to reach our mutual goal — a quality education for all our students.

One of my primary goals as superintendent is to strengthen communications and cooperation among the schools in the superintendency. Each of our schools is unique and reflects different strengths. By sharing these strengths, all students will benefit. Past efforts have proven (in the areas of special education, inservice and media, for example) that schools can collaborate and still maintain their individuality and autonomy. Such cooperation is in the interest of educational excellence as well as being fiscally prudent. One concern which has been shared with me by many is the transition of students from the various elementary schools to the Mohawk Trail Regional High Schol. To ensure a smooth and successful transition to the secondary level it is vital that we share a clear understanding of the curriculum that exists in all of our schools.

A timely project in this respect is the Conceptual Middle School Project, a three-year federal grant that will allow us to examine the educational and social needs of students in grades five through eight. These years are vital ones for students and it is important that we plan them carefully. The resources provided by this grant will give us the opportunity to review our existing curriculum and to strive for the improve-

ments which will make the adjustment from the elementary schools to the high school a pleasurable and productive experience.

Another cooperative project in progress this year is the development and implementation of the Basic Skills Improvement Program which has been mandated by the Department of Education. Parents and community members have joined school staffs to develop standards for minimal competencies in our various schools. Reading, math and writing are the areas of focus this year on a K-12 basis. This program will go into effect during the 1980-81 school year. In the coming year, standards for basic skills will be developed for listening and speaking.

I am very encouraged by the initiative demonstrated by many staff members in the pursuit of state and federal grants. In addition to several grants funded this year, we anticipate additional funding, in the year to come which will facilitate the exploration and improvement of our curriculum without the expenditure of local funds.

One of the most crucial problems we face today is in the area of school finance. In this year of heightened inflation and ever-increasing energy costs coupled with the existence of the Massachusetts Tax Cap, the process of developing the school budget was extremely difficult. Many hours have been spent in developing, discussing and revising the budgets for the 1980-81 school year. Budget subcommittees will remain active during the school year to examine various programs and procedures to improve the cost effectiveness of our operations. One area of focus will be an intensive review of our personnel needs for the future in each school district.

In conclusion, I am optimistic about the educational services already existant in our schools is tremendous. There are problems that we have to face and solve together, but I am confident that we will be successful in our endeavor.



I want to thank the people who have assisted me in my first year as superintendent. The kindness and patience that have been extended to me by numerous people is greatly appreciated.

In the coming year I want to be as accessible to people as my duties will allow. I would, therefore, invite any parent and community members to contact me directly at 625-2555 if you have suggestions or concerns in regards to our schools.

Respectfully submitted,  
BRUCE E. WILLARD, SUPT.OF SCHOOLS  
B-C-S REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HAWLEMONT REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST.  
MASS. SCHOOL SUPT. UNION NO.65  
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST.



## Report of the Principal

- The year has led to many changes which indicate a trend toward closer inspection and examination of all of the academic and activity programs at Mohawk. Faculty and administration is well aware of the trends in education and in society as a whole and are sensitive to the demands of society on our students. The changes that are taking place include those in curriculum as well as the structure of the Junior High.

Curriculum changes in the Junior High included a change in 8th grade Social Studies. Civics is now taught to all 8th grade students. Principles of Ecology course was made available to the 10th grade and a new course, Global Ecology, was added for the 11th and 12th grades. Latin II was added to the curriculum to accomodate over 20 students who wished to take it.

The funding of a middle school project and the hiring of a coordinator for this project gives impetus to the restructuring of the 7th and 8th grades. The project attempts to create a grade 5 through grade 8 middle school concept and function in the greater district while each of the elementary grades remain in their respective buildings and the grades 7 & 8 remain at Mohawk. This project advances the work which has been done in recent years to articulate the movement between the elementary schools and Mohawk.

A federal grant allowed Mohawk to offer a unique and thorough information service: MOIS (Mass. Occupational Information Service) which allows the student to explore through the computer any occupation in which he or she is interested. The service answers questions such as education needed, opportunities, pay potential, where training can be obtained as well as what training is needed for the specific occupation. Many other questions students have in mind about occupations are answered by MOIS. In conjunction with our regular guidance services, this has been a fine addition for our students.

This year, faculty members have had the opportunity to choose from several in-service workshops which they consider necessary. The release days are scheduled in advance to accommodate specific workshops and curriculum development designed to aid in teacher improvement and growth.

The development of the "Basic Skills" testing program has occupied many hours of the Educational Standing Committee and members of the Mohawk faculty. This year saw the formation of a district-wide committee to provide the Basic Skill Tests required by law in both elementary and secondary schools.

The Resource Center continues to be one of the important areas of the school's academic life. The yearly efforts of the members of that area to obtain federally-funded grants to aid our students, as well as high student use, make it a lively center.

Successful activities such as musical concerts, an exchange concert, dances, foreign trips, the school fair, field trips, and dance band concerts round out the school as a learning center.

The participation of many of our school organizations in local parades and celebrations continues to take place and integrate the student and school into the community.

Mohawk continues to be a progressive element in the District both as a learning center for its students and as a valuable element which provides other needed services.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. Melvin Abrahamson  
*Principal*

## Resource Center Report

The following statistical information for 1979 reflects an increased use in the library-media center facilities and materials:

Print Circulation	7,597
Non-print Circulation	848
Interlibrary Loan Materials Sent to Local Elementary Schools	212
Interlibrary Loan Materials Borrowed from Other Libraries	196
Number of Classes Coming for Special Projects and Instruction	221
Evening Hours Attendance	24
Equipment Circulation	2,218

Gifts were received from Bill Charon, Laurie Rosin, Neil Potter, Chris Hyrnyshyn, Tom Wilson, Edith Gerry, Traci DeLeo, Cindy Elbaum, Sharon Wickland, John Subosz, Doug Wilkins, Gladys Shumway, Ginny Washer, H. S. Kirk and Debbie Bardwell. Items donated included 41 books, a wall plaque, pamphlets, photos and posters.

The Mohawk Resource Center hosted a nine-town regional Preview Day on October 19. This event provided faculty, library personnel and administrators an opportunity to examine for preview and purchase a wide variety of new print and non-print material. Participants in the program represented 18 print material. Participants in the program represented 18 sponsored by the Franklin County Library-Media Group and the Mohawk Resource Center.

On November 14, the annual Media Day for students in grades 7 and 8 was sponsored by the Resource Center staff. Skills taught at learning stations set up in the library included

lamination, dry mounting, filmstrip making slide show preparation, lettering and operation of equipment.

Inservice programs for library personnel included a children's literature workshop on May 2 by Dr. Masha Rudman of the University of Mass., and introduction to the Glasser system of discipline presented by Phil Dzialo on Sept. 28, and a media demonstration at the Hawlemont Regional School on October 24.

During the year the Resource Center has sponsored National Library Week activities, a school-wide essay contest, the Artist of the Month program, evening hours for school and community patrons, and has provided instruction in the use of a new career computer obtained through a grant written by Meg Garofalo, Career Education Director.

The sixth annual Creative Arts Festival sponsored by the Resource Center Council was held April 25&26 in conjunction with the School Fair on April 26. Local community resource people, students and faculty participated in a series of musical and artistic presentations.

Susan B. Silvester  
*Director of Instructional Media-M.T.R.H.S.*



## Report of the Chairman

Again it is a pleasure for me to report to you that Mohawk continues to operate with a balanced budget and continues to provide a learning environment for our students. The first achieved by competent administration and the watchful eye of the school committee, the latter is achieved through a gifted, committed and creative faculty.

It has been an assiduous year; a year when each member and each subcommittee diligently pursued and accomplished assigned tasks.

The four school entities (Mohawk Trail Regional School District, Buckland-Colrain-Shelburne Regional School District, Hawlemont Regional School District, and Mass. School Superintendency Union No. 65) worked conjointly to search for and select a new superintendent. A three-year teachers' contract, the first of its kind at Mohawk, was settled early (months before the deadline) due fully to the willingness and cooperation of faculty and the Negotiating Subcommittee. The Transportation Subcommittee held student transportation costs in check by deleting and rerouting bus routes. A new three-year transportation contract was awarded after much debate and further validated through judicial process and court hearing. The Budget Subcommittee through hard work and careful planning has held educational costs to a modest yearly increase well below the national inflation rate. Quality education has not suffered, the Educational Standing Committee is constantly discussing change in curriculum and is now determining criteria for basic skills and competency standards. After improvements, the adjacent property recently purchased will add aesthetic, athletic, and environmental values to the campus. 1979 has been a year of accomplishments.

Mr. Bruce E. Willard, Superintendent of Schools, started his duties last July. He is a fine gentleman with such qualities



as intelligence, compassion, humor, and integrity. My appreciation to Mrs. Anne Finck, David Newell, the Principals, and the Secretaries for their ability to function effectively under difficult conditions during the first half of last year. It takes honesty and intelligence to operate a public service. . . . we have both qualities in our administration personnel.

Occasionally we have to remind ourselves of the virtues of public education; the American public school system produces an enlightened, cohesive, informed and freedom-loving citizenry; it keeps our democratic society functioning; it makes for a free and knowledgeable individual, able to make good judgments and to find a most efficient and happy place in society. Our public school system may seem inadequate but it is envied by many nations. Public education cannot and should not try to replace the family institution. Although there is some overlapping, basically education concerns itself with elements of knowledge and social values; the family provides religious, cultural and traditional values plus personality and character growth and above all, privacy. Society should not neutralize or replace either institution but to emphasize both in the raising of youngsters.

It is typical at the beginning of the decade to prophesy. My concern is with the new U. S. Department of Education. Although it is the guiding rule of democracy to have only enough control as deemed necessary, bureaucracy will move in and try to achieve success by regulating failure, thus stifling innovation, diversity, progress and creativity. But, what is more important than the challenges ahead is the frame of mind in which we will handle them. Three aspects come to view: we must define and use the word "free" in a positive form; we must reacquaint ourselves with the principle and moral codes upon which this country was built. . . . good principles make good judgments; we must do away with "me firstism", replace exploitation with contribution and do something to foster prosperity. These characteristics are inherent in the school committee and I am confident they will provide quality

education for years to come.

Education may shape men, but man shapes education. I encourage all of you to participate in this process.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Robertson  
*Chairman*

**Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee Members :**

Ashfield	Mrs. Diane Muller
	Mr. Robert Robertson
Buckland	Mrs. Virginia Washer
	Mrs. Ruth Anderson
	Mr. Wesley M. Rice
Charlemont	Mr. David McKay
	Mrs. Joy Clark
Colrain	Mrs. Patricia Shearer
	Mr. Richard Herzig
	Mrs. Evelyn Lemay
Heath	Mrs. Lynn Miller
Hawley	Mr. Harold White, Jr.
Plainfield	Mrs. Margot Potter
Rowe	Mr. Raymond Jodoin
Shelburne	Mr. Clement Gainty
	Mr. Robert Walters
	Mr. Harold T. Harris

## **Business Manager's Report**

I am pleased to submit my second annual report as Business Manager for the several school districts and departments comprising the nine-town shared superintendency.

It is now evident that public education enters this new decade fettered with graver and greater challenges and obstacles than heretofore encountered. The provision of goods and services necessary for the efficient operation of our local schools proves to be increasingly more difficult with each passing year.

While local school committees attempt to develop budgets consistent with the requirements of the "tax cap legislation" and as a consequence, are constrained to reduce educational and operational services, the Commonwealth continues to enact mandatory programs and procedures, reminding school committees of their statutory obligations, irrespective of the cost.

Despite the existence of a rampant rate of inflation, and its impact on school costs, the Commonwealth, its supposed affirmation of the principle of equalization notwithstanding, provides proportionately less state aid to education to our local school districts and towns. The legislature in its infinite wisdom recently adjusted the formulae for the disbursement of Chapters 70 and 71 monies to the great benefit of urban communities and one town-city school departments and at the ruinous expense of rural towns and regional school districts. The promises and lures of regionalization, codified in the General Laws, seem now to be forgotten or at least ignored: Our pitiful rates of transportation reimbursement bear mute testimony to this sad reality.

The fiscal troubles of our regional school districts, and ultimately all member towns, will be further aggravated by

recent legislation restricting and controlling local school committee management of surplus revenue. As regional school committees find themselves unable to reduce school cost assessments to member towns due to insufficient surplus funds, assessments will increase at rates alarmingly above the actual budget increases. Within the next several years, borrowing in anticipation of revenue or state reimbursements will no doubt become a sorrowful reality in our school districts.

The challenge of the 80's is apparent and obvious: in order to continue to provide for the necessary and important educational needs of the several thousand school children in these nine towns, school committees and school officials must severely curtail operational costs, heating costs, maintenance expenses and other non-educational expenditures. As our buildings continue to age (our eight buildings now average 35 years old) and require more care, more repairs, and more expense, we somehow shall have to adjust in this age of "less, less, less".

Our several school boards have been vigilant as they enter this new era. Most committees have formed energy conservation subcommittees and they in turn have already implemented cost saving plans of action. Careful planned preventative maintenance programs have succeeded in reducing operational expenses. School transportation services have been carefully scrutinized and new contracts consummated with greatly reduced costs. New and innovative methods have been utilized to repair and replace roofs, purchase materials collectively, modify school space economically, and so forth.

However, the fiscal restraints imposed upon local school committees together with the mandatory requirements of the Department of Education and the other woes cited above can only and eventually create and sustain a paradoxical dilemma which will catch school children and the local taxpayer in the crossfire.

Surely, the governor and the legislature must eventually recognize the terrible plight of public education today and re-



spond with reasonable fiscal restraints, logical educational requirements and fair and equitable schedules of state aid to education...for otherwise, the bubble will most certainly burst.

David D. Newell, Business Manager  
Mass. School Supt. Union No. 65  
Hawlemont Regional School District  
B-C-S Regional School District  
Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## **School Nurse Report 1979**

The aim of the school health program is to achieve good physical and emotional health for our children.

Visits to the school are made on a basis of once a week or whenever requested.

Physicals have been done on all children, grades 1, 3 & 5, with parental consent, by our school physician. All children, grades kindergarten through sixth, have had vision and hearing testing done. All failure notices were sent to parents with recommendation to see an appropriate physician.

Educational films for pediculosis, dental care and menstruation were shown to some grades.

All children are properly immunized and up to date on booster shots. Throat cultures continue to be done on students as requested by parents. There has been no serious illnesses or epidemics this past year in the school. Mantoux Tuberculin testing of school personnel has been completed.

I wish to thank all school personnel for their interest and assistance throughout the school year.

Alice Maiewski  
*School Nurse*



# School Treasurer's Report

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee

From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District for the calendar year 1979 are as follows:

January 1, 1979 Cash on Hand	\$ 369,242.61
Received:	
Town Assessments	\$1,286,405.37
Commonwealth of Mass. Reimbursements	
Chapter 70	301,411.00
Chapter 71	124,706.00
Transportation	119,931.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
Vocational Ed. Transportation	21,094.00
Tuition-State Wards	5,237.00
Title IV B	4,239.07
Title IV C	11,000.00
Title VI B	30,520.00
Cafeteria Projects	7,358.00
Cafeteria Reimbursements	33,214.97
Cafeteria Collections	66,869.73
Payroll Deductions	416,723.19
Revolving Funds - Athletics	4,859.40
Revolving Funds - Music	1,371.71
Reimbursements to 1000 Accounts	61.12
Reimbursements to 2000 Accounts	200.00
Evening School Fees	1,430.00
Interest Accruals - 90 Day Notice	8,028.84
Interest Accruals - NOW Account	7,726.11
Interest Accruals - Cert. of Deposit	20,349.60
Interest Accruals - Mass. Munic. Dep.	2,189.47
Interest Accruals - Repurchase Sec.	2,627.11
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Reimb.	5,883.21
Insurance Reimbursements	942.40
Washington Insurance Reimb.	18.05
Drawn on Bank Accounts	174,463.63
Proceeds of Cert. of Deposit	472,432.06
Telephone Commissions	301.10
Lost & Damaged Books, etc.	894.94

Refunds	10,715.95	
Use of Buildings & Materials	722.14	
Shop Projects	189.20	
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Total Receipts:	\$3,197,981.43	\$3,197,981.43
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Total Cash and Receipts		\$3,567,224.04
<b>Paid:</b>		
Operations Warrants:		
Administration	\$ 75,299.03	
Instruction	1,053,356.49	
Other School Services	244,489.93	
Operation & Maintenance Plant	200,141.88	
Fixed Charges	102,608.45	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	22,962.36	
Debt Service and Debt Ret.	179,200.00	
Vocational Education		
Instruction	17,960.53	
Transportation	37,530.92	
Acquisition Fixed Assets	336.21	
Tuition-Day	30,354.19	
Interest Accruals - Cert. of Deposit	20,249.60	
Special Education		
Instruction	96,666.32	
Other Sch. Services	46,589.01	
Oper. & Mtce. Plant	848.01	
Acq. of Fixed Assets	338.90	
Property Acquisition	10,009.93	
Certificate of Deposits	480,000.00	
Federal Grants		
Title IV B	4,888.99	
Title IV C (Middle School)	19,503.21	
Title IV A (West County)	11,343.33	
Cashiering	4,659.87	
Keyboarding	1,293.94	
Revolving Funds - Lunch	114,142.32	
Revolving Funds - Athletics	5,294.65	
Revolving Funds - Music	590.03	
Payroll Deductions	421,282.23	
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Total Payments:	\$3,199,166.08	\$3,199,166.08
Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1980		368,057.96
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Total Payments and cash on hand:		\$3,567,224.04

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## Financial Statement Report

A report detailing actual expenditures for calendar year 1979 (Jan. 1, 1979 - Dec. 31, 1979) and the budgets for Fiscal 1980 and 1981 are on file at the office of the Selectman and available for public inspection.

### OPERATING BUDGET

#### ADMINISTRATION

	78-79 Expenditures	78-79 Budget
Legal Services	\$ 4,810.65	\$ 1,800.00
Treasurer's Salary	2,025.00	2,300.00
Contracted Services	1,638.21	1,500.00
Treasurer's Supplies	173.40	100.00
Treasurer's Bond	444.35	400.00
School Committee Expenses	3,516.93	250.00
Administrative Salaries	18,384.24	18,952.00
Clerical Salaries	23,875.00	23,500.00
Contracted Services	3,321.23	3,000.00
Supt. Office Supplies	6,511.86	5,100.00
Supt. Office Other Expenses	1,826.64	1,100.00
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	66,527.51	58,002.00

#### INSTRUCTION

Coordinators' Salaries	13,121.43	13,239.00
Tutor-Reading Aide-Grade Level		
Coordinator Aide	7,787.67	9,700.00
Curriculum Development	2,433.53	1,000.00
Supervision-Supplies	267.96	375.00
Supervision-Expenses	113.50	150.00
Administration Salaries	40,550.00	41,213.00
Clerical Salaries	24,954.24	24,000.00
Contracted Services	7,374.00	6,000.00
Principal's Office Supplies	2,699.27	3,200.00

Principal's Office Expenses	1,444.81	1,600.00
Graduation Expenses	568.07	800.00
Teachers' Salaries	772,612.19	786,063.00
Teacher Aides	11,622.44	11,300.00
Contracted Services	2,923.24	3,600.00
Teachers' Supplies	22,842.82	24,000.00
Teachers' Expenses	778.10	1,200.00
Textbooks	10,602.34	10,000.00
Librarian's Salary	14,927.58	18,646.00
Library Assistant's Salary-		
Library Aide's Salary	10,162.28	10,395.00
Library Supplies	4,817.08	5,000.00
Library Expenses	198.10	200.00
Audio-Vis. Aide Salary	3,833.33	3,757.00
Audio-Visual Supplies	3,600.69	3,500.00
Guidance Salaries	54,621.60	53,783.00
Guidance Clerk Salary	6,700.00	6,458.00
Contracted Service	368.78	670.00
Guidance Supplies	710.20	1,152.00
Guidance Expenses	200.10	550.00
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<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>1,022,835.35</b>	<b>1,041,551.00</b>

#### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer - Salary	250.00	250.00
Attendance Officer - Expense	160.62	160.00
Health Salaries	10,046.71	10,800.00
Health Supplies	393.75	350.00
Health Expenses	49.68	50.00
Leased Buses - Salaries	3,397.50	2,975.00
Leased Buses - Supplies	3,187.74	2,975.00
Pupil Transportation Contracts	202,258.82	209,300.00
Pupil Transportation Field Trips	.00	500.00
Cafe. Manager's Salary	10,072.41	10,133.00
Athletics	18,169.65	18,000.00
Ssepical Activities Fund	.00	.00
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<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>247,986.88</b>	<b>256,267.00</b>

#### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	67,517.78	65,000.00
Custodial Supplies	8,010.22	6,800.00
Heat - Crittenden Building	5,512.70	6,000.00
Electrical Energy - High School	68,094.31	70,000.00
Utilities - Crittenden	5,317.13	3,800.00

Utilities - H.S. Telephones	5,252.88	5,200.00
Yards & Grounds - Crittenden	.00	.00
Yards & Grounds - Contract	.00	.00
Yards & Grounds - Supplies	3,117.70	2,500.00
Bldg. Maint. Contract Services - Crittenden	830.00	.00
Supt. Office - Bldg. Maint. - Supplies	1,157.32	100.00
School Bldg. - Maint. Contract	8,758.80	7,800.00
School Bldg. - Maint. Supplies	4,903.66	5,200.00
School Bldg. Maint. - Energy Conservation	2,521.00	10,000.00
Supt. Office - Eq. Maint. & Repair	81.44	250.00
School Bldg. Eq. Maint. Contract	729.21	700.00
School Bldg. Eq. Maint. Supplies	3,469.74	5,500.00
Eq. Maintenance Repairs - High School	2,306.76	3,200.00
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TOTAL OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	187,580.65	192,050.00

#### FIXED CHARGES

Franklin County Retirement	14,707.00	25,000.00
Insurance-Crittenden - Supt. Office	2,261.00	2,200.00
Insurance - High School	14,938.00	17,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	755.44	12,000.00
32B Health Insurance (District Share)	38,532.27	44,100.00
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TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	71,193.71	100,300.00

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Custodial Services	.00	25.00
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TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	.00	25.00

#### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Storage Building	550.82	.00
Acq. of New Equipment-Supt. Office	296.28	100.00
Acq. of New Equipment-High School	6,126.73	8,000.00
Replacement of Equip.-Supt. Office	920.69	700.00
Replacement of Equip.-High School	13,264.11	8,500.00
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	21,158.63	17,300.00

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	1,617,282.73	1,665,495.00
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## SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

### INSTRUCTION

Sp. Ed. - Coordinator Salary	18,900.00	18,900.00
Sp. Ed. - Clerical	6,750.00	6,720.00
Sp. Ed. - Coordinator Supplies	328.83	250.00
Sp. Ed. - Coordinator Expenses	1,083.18	1,000.00
Sp. Ed. - Teachers' Salaries	39,536.06	37,193.00
Sp. Ed. - Home Instruction	63.84	2,500.00
Sp. Ed. - Para Professional-Aide	10,837.22	12,400.00
Sp. Ed. - Contracted Services	134.50	4,500.00
Sp. Ed. - Supplies	821.35	650.00
Sp. Ed. - Expenses	693.08	1,000.00
Sp. Ed. - Textbooks	506.17	300.00
Sp. Ed. - Audio Visual Supplies	.00	.00
Sp. Ed. - Crisis Intervention	.00	13,644.00
Sp. Ed. - Crisis Inter. Counselor Supplies	.00	50.00
Sp. Ed. - Crisis Inter. Counselor Expenses	.00	100.00
Sp. Ed. - School Psychologist	8,529.98	5,600.00
Sp. Ed. - Work-Study Program	.00	.00
Sp. Ed. - Diagnostic-Counseling-Test Services	5,393.00	5,000.00
Sp. Ed. - Psychologist Supplies	173.62	150.00
Sp. Ed. - Psychologist Supplies	90.60	100.00
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TOTAL SP. ED. INSTRUCTION	93,841.43	110,057.00

### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Sp. Ed. - Health Salaries	966.22	1,200.00
Sp. Ed. - Health Expenses	4.32	50.00
Sp. Ed. - Transportation Contracts	7,098.17	7,500.00
Sp. Ed. - Mandated Adult Transportation	24,444.86	21,784.00
Sp. Ed. - Field Trip Transportation	200.80	500.00
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TOTAL OTHER SP. ED. SERVICES	31,714.37	31,034.00

### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Sp. Ed. - Telephone	844.86	1,000.00
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TOTAL OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	844.86	1,000.00

### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Sp. Ed. - Acq. of New Equipment	360.28	400.00
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TOTAL ACQ. OF FIXED ASSETS	360.28	400.00

## OTHER DISTRICTS

Sp. Ed. - Tuition	6,273.14	24,000.00
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<b>TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS</b>	<b>6,273.14</b>	<b>24,000.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED. BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>134,034.08</b>	<b>166,491.00</b>

## VOCATION BUDGET

(Distributive Education and Evening Practical Arts)

### INSTRUCTION

Distributive Ed. - Teacher Salary	8,865.70	6,084.00
Distributive Ed. - Expenses	38.75	200.00
Distributive Ed. - Supplies	272.39	290.00
Distributive Ed. - Textbooks	167.13	200.00
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Subtotal Distributive Ed.	9,343.97	6,774.00
Adult Evening School-Teachers Salaries	8,019.90	7,400.00
Adult Evening School - Supplies	12.40	100.00
Adult Evening School - Expenses	41.40	60.00
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Subtotal - Adult Evening School	8,073.70	7,560.00
<b>TOTAL VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>17,417.67</b>	<b>14,334.00</b>

### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Vocational Day School-Parent Transp.	864.48	.00
Vocational Day School-Transp. Contracts	45,169.00	.00
Distributive Ed. Field Trip Transportation	45.00	200.00
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<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>46,078.48</b>	<b>200.00</b>

### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Distributive Ed.-Maint. & Supplies	100.00	100.00
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<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINT. OF PLANT</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Distributive Ed.-Acq. of New Equipment	231.62	300.00
Distributive Ed.-Replace. of Equipment	.00	.00
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<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>231.62</b>	<b>300.00</b>

## OTHER DISTRICTS

Vocational Day School-Tuition	30,300.19	.00
Vocational Evn. Trade School-Tuition	361.50	.00
Vocational Evn. Practical Arts-Tuition	210.00	100.00
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<b>TOTAL OTHER DISTRICTS</b>	<b>30,871.69</b>	<b>100.00</b>
 <b>VOCATIONAL BUDGET TOTAL</b>	 <b>94,699.46</b>	 <b>15,034.00</b>

## CAPITAL BUDGET

### DEBT RETIREMENT

Debt Retirement-Principal	140,000.00	140,000.00
Debt Retirement-Interest	42,000.00	42,000.00
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<b>TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT</b>	<b>182,000.00</b>	<b>182,000.00</b>
 <b>CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL</b>	 <b>182,000.00</b>	 <b>182,000.00</b>

### GRAND TOTALS:

<b>APPROPRIATION BUDGETS</b>	<b>\$2,028,016.27</b>	<b>\$2,029,020.00</b>
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# OPERATING BUDGETS

Series	Regular Education	Special Education	Voca- tional	Total Proposed 1980-81	Total Appropriated 1979-80
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 74,655	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 74,655	\$ 62,365
INSTRUCTION	1,175,146	117,509	19,152	1,311,807	1,227,315
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	270,654	37,350	250	308,254	287,181
OPERATION & MAINT. OF PLANT	227,412	900	225	228,537	210,385
FIXED CHARGES	94,100	0	0	94,100	97,300
COMMUNITY SERVICES	25	0	0	25	25
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	30,775	400	550	31,725	20,950
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	-0-	24,000	200	24,200	24,100
Less Reimbursements (Anticipated) from Commonwealth of Mass. and other sources:	\$1,872,767	\$180,159	\$20,377	\$2,073,303	\$1,929,621
Reg. Sch. Aid-Ch. 71,S16d	\$ 104,000				
Ch. 71, S. 16c Transport.	125,000				
School Related Transport.	17,000				
Tuition - State Wards	12,000				
Ch. 70 School Aid	304,000				
Anticipated Reimbursements Plus	562,000				
SURPLUS	120,000				
	\$ 682,000			682,000	753,606

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED - OPERATING BUDGET.....	\$1,391,303		\$1,176,015
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>			
DEBT RETIREMENT			
Less School Construction Reimbursement from Comm. of Mass.	170,800	176,400	
	53,866	53,866	
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED - CAPITAL BUDGET.....	116,934		122,534
TOTAL TO BE RAISED FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS.....	\$1,508,237		\$1,298,549



# ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

10-1-78	79-80'	TOWN	10-1-79	80'-81'	AMOUNT
ENROLLMENT	PERCENT		ENROLLMENT	PERCENT	
113	13.47	ASHFIELD	105	13.05	181,565.04
179	21.33	BUCKLAND	171	21.24	295,512.76
97	11.56	CHARLEMONT	91	11.31	157,356.37
141	16.81	COLRAIN	138	17.14	238,469.34
17	2.03	HAWLEY	17	2.11	29,356.49
38	4.53	HEATH	38	4.72	65,669.50
35	4.17	PLAINFIELD	36	4.47	62,191.24
28	3.34	ROWE	31	3.85	53,565.17
191	22.76	SHELBURNE	178	22.11	307,617.09
<hr/> 839	<hr/> 100.00%		<hr/> 805	<hr/> 100.00	<hr/> 1,391,303.00

**VOCATIONAL DAY ASSESSMENTS AS PER AMENDED**

## AGREEMENT UPON BASIS OF COST

**SCHOOL YEAR 1978-79 VOCATIONAL DAY PUPILS - EXPENDITURES AS OF 6-30-79**

TOWN	No. of Pupils	Tuition		Transp. Paid	Total Cost	Tuition		Transp. Reimb. By State	Tuition Assessment	Net Transp. Assessment	Total Net Assessment
		Paid				Reimb. By State					
Charlottesville	4.11	8,891.75		12,304.25	21,196.00	2,455.40	5,638.42	6,436.35	6,685.83	13,102.18	
Ashfield	7.27	16,395.19		29,936.16	46,271.35	4,343.24	13,717.43	11,991.95	16,218.73	28,210.68	
Plainfield	1.44	3,043.25		2,928.59	5,971.84	860.28	1,341.58	2,182.97	1,587.01	3,769.98	
Shelburne	1.0	2,030.00		864.48	2,894.48	597.42	396.57	1,432.58	467.91	1,900.49	
TOTALS	13.82	30,300.19		46,033.48	76,333.67	8,256.34	21,094.00	22,043.85	24,939.48	46,983.33	

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

1980-81	\$180,159.00	-	12.948%	Of Operating Budget After Deductions
1979-80	\$155,840.00	-	12.894%	Of Operating Budget After Deductions

## PER PUPIL COST

	Operating Budget After Deductions	Per Pupil Cost	No. of Pupils
1980-81	\$ 1,391,303	\$ ,1724.04	807
1979-80	\$ 1,176.015	\$ 1,401.69	839

## PERCENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE

	Before Deductions	After Deductions	Before Deductions	After Deductions
1979-80 Budget	\$ 1,929,621	\$ 1,176,015	\$ 1,929,621	\$ 1,176,015
1978-79 Budget	\$ 1,847,020	\$ 1,242,100	\$ 2,073,303	\$ 1,391,303
Difference	\$ 82,601	\$ 66,085	Difference	\$ 215,288
%INCREASE or DECREASE	4.4721%	5.3204%	%INCREASE or DECREASE	18.065%
INCREASE		DECREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE

# Report of the Sanderson Academy School Principal

Mr. Bruce E. Willard  
Superintendent of Schools  
Ashfield Street  
Shelburne Falls, Mass. 01370

Dear Mr. Willard:

I hereby submit my report as principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1979-1980.

## ENROLLMENT - NOVEMBER 1, 1979

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K	13	9	22
1	16	15	31
2	7	17	24
3	12	15	27
4	18	17	35
5	11	13	24
6	23	23	46
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Totals	100	109	209

## FACULTY AND STAFF

The Faculty at Sanderson has eleven full time teachers. Ten of these are classroom teachers and one is special needs teacher. The resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe was accepted with regret. Mrs. Anne Marie Mislak was hired to replace her.

Sanderson also receives the services of four part time teachers for Music, Art and Physical Education. Mrs. Lenore Glaser, Instrumental Music Teacher, resigned. Her replacement is Mrs. Margaret Merrigan.

## INSTRUCTION

Enrollment at Sanderson has continued its slow upward climb. This year's sixth grade class of 46 is the largest one that we have had in recent history.

Two federal grants that were awarded to the district have shown good results. The first grant deals with Early Childhood Development. Mrs. Lois Holm, is the Coordinator of this Project. Pre School and Primary grade children receive services. Under the grant a new Impedence Machine which tests for fluid in the inner ear was purchased. Mr. Philip Dzialo was hired to oversee the Conceptual Middle School Grant. A community survey on Grades 5-8 education of our children in the district has been completed. A plan to restructure the delivery of educational services to seventh and eighth grade students has been devised. Teachers of all five through eight grades will continue to meet to improve the overall education of these students.

Any organization, if it is to remain successful, periodically reviews its philosophy, aims and accomplishments. The staff has been engaged in such a review this fall. Parents have also been requested for their input. Planning for our future can then be based on this review.

Workshops for our teachers have continued to be held. These workshops have covered Nutrition and How It Effects Learning, Criterion Reference Testing, Gessell-The Development and Growth of a Child and Five through Eight Coordination.

Members of the faculty have written and received Mini Grants of \$200 from the Seed Center. These Grants have allowed us to purchase materials and have outside programs come into the school.

Eighteen children with Miss Ostrowski visited the Ham-



ilton School in Mexico City in February. Miss Cecilia accompanied by 18 students, came to Sanderson in March. Living and learning together has made a true bond of friendship between students, parents and schools on both sides of the border.

The support given to the school by the P.T.O. is sincerely appreciated by all of us here at school. New playground equipment was purchased this spring by this dedicated group of parents. A scholarship grant is also awarded to a Mohawk Senior from Ashfield or Plainfield. Grants to classrooms and the teacher going to Mexico are also part of this group's efforts.

A sum of money donated from a friend was also given to the school for concerts and assembly programs.

### MAINTENANCE

New flashing and copper valleys were installed on the east side of the building. Exterior painting was also done on the Bronson Avenue side of the building.

The dedication and loyalty of the entire staff was severely tested and not found wanting this past winter and spring when the Principal became ill. Under the able leadership of Vernon Avera, the school continued in its task of educating children.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the faculty, staff, children, parents and citizens of the town for their unfailing support.

Respectfully slubmitted,  
Martha A. Conant  
*Principal*

## **Sanderson Academy Library Annual Report**

The total circulation count for all print and non-print material signed out of the Sanderson Academy Library was 7,818 from January to December or approximately 37 items borrowed per student.

Volunteers continue to play a major role in the cohesiveness of the Sanderson Library. During the past year eight volunteers have administered the story hour program, providing story hours three times a week for all students in grades one and two.

Books continue to be purchased from Trans World Book Company in West Springfield, formerly Library Book House. During 1979 several hundred new books were acquisitioned.

New equipment recently acquired includes a Super 8 mm filmloop projector which shows silent 8 mm cartridge films.

At a workshop for faculty on October 29, 1979, instruction was given on the educational use and audio visual capabilities of this format. A collection of filmloops on inter-library loan from other school libraries was made available for a period of four weeks.

The annual Book Fair was held in November with a substantial profit realized for the purchase of additional books.

Library instruction continues to play a vital role in the library program with such coordinated activities as field trips to Belding Memorial Library, displays, treasure hunts and extra-curricular reading assignments.

This past year our school district received a combined

Title IV B grant from the State Department of Education "for the purpose of enhancing the visual capabilities of the school district". The following purchases were made for the school district:

5 globes and maps	\$ 270.07
3 16mm films	900.00
13 filmloops	260.00
1 Singer Sound FS projector	419.00
3 Carousel Slide projectors	510.00
4 Digitor math computers	400.00
1 16mm projector	800.00
8 filmstrip previewers	200.00
3 filmloop projectors	480.00
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TOTAL	\$4,239.07

On October 19, 1979, a 9 town regional Preview Day was held at the high school for the purpose of providing teachers, library personnel and administrators grades K - 12 with an opportunity to examine for preview and purchase a wide variety of new print and nonprint material and equipment. Among the 30 exhibitors were Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Grossett and Dunlap, Ginn and Company, McGraw Hill, Baker and Taylor and Mass. Educational Television.

Susan B. Silvester  
*Director of Instructional Media*

## ASHFIELD SCHOOL BUDGET

A report detailing actual expenditures for the calendar year 1979 (January 1, 1979-December 31, 1979) is on file at the office of the Selectmen and available for public inspection.

A copy of the Ashfield School Budget for the fiscal year 1981 (July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981) is on file at the office of the Selectmen and available for public inspection.

ITEM	APPRO- PRIATION 7-1-78 - 6-30-79	EXPEN- DITURES 7-1-78 - 6-30-79
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
School Committee Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$ 93.53
School Committee Other	73.00	173.69
Administrative Salaries	3,090.53	3,099.45
Clerical Salaries	6,250.00	3,894.24
Contracted Services, Census	200.00	150.00
Administrative Travel	308.47	292.48
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<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 9,932.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,703.39</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>		
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 2,324.00	\$ 1,083.41
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	764.00	807.78
Contracted Services, Curriculum	550.00	568.75
Supervisors' Other Expense	200.00	81.60
Principal's Salary	15,158.00	15,449.04
Principal's Clerical	5,600.00	5,383.43
Principal's Supplies & Materials	250.00	396.64
Principal's Other Expense	185.00	244.56
Teachers' Salaries	125,420.00	134,862.42
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	1,320.00	1,582.50
Teacher Aides	4,628.00	5,103.95
Contracted Services - Field Trips	800.00	680.00
Instruction Supplies	6,750.00	8,363.51
Other Expense	580.00	611.85
Textbooks	850.00	1,012.26
Library Aide	2,079.00	2,527.75
Materials & Supplies	520.00	844.88



Audio-Visual Supplies	300.00	47.46
Audio-Visual Other Expense	45.00	.00
Guidance Salaries	3,057.00	.00
Other Expense - Scoring	75.00	.00
Guidance Testing Supplies	200.00	200.36
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<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 171,655.00</b>	<b>\$ 179,852.15</b>
<b>OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>		
Attendance Officer - Other Expense	\$ 20.00	\$ .00
Health Salaries - School Physician	200.00	200.00
Health Supplies	40.00	48.48
Pupil Transportation, Contracted	31,500.00	28,364.55
Cafeteria Salaries	2,332.00	2,334.56
Student Body Activities	200.00	467.20
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<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 34,292.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,414.79</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b>		
Custodial Salary	\$ 10,243.00	\$ 10,023.50
Custodial Supplies	1,500.00	1,905.49
Heating	9,540.00	11,800.93
Utilities	6,505.00	6,577.75
Maintenance of Grounds, Contracted	550.00	515.00
Maintenance of Grounds, Supplies	80.00	.00
Maintenance of Building, Contracted	1,950.00	3,310.36
Maintenance of Building, Supplies	1,975.00	514.85
Maintenance of Equipment, Contracted	675.00	565.38
Maintenance of Equipment, Supplies	410.00	172.46
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<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 33,428.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,385.72</b>
<b>FIXED CHARGES</b>		
Insurance	\$ 740.00	\$ 603.00
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<b>TOTAL FIXED CHARGES</b>	<b>\$ 740.00</b>	<b>\$ 603.00</b>
<b>ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>		
New Equipment	\$ 1,885.00	\$ 2,123.31
Replacement of Equipment	375.00	1,220.30
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<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,260.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,343.61</b>
<b>PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS</b>		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,017.00



TOTAL PROGRAMS		
WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,017.00

SUB-TOTAL:		
REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 254,707.00	\$ 261,319.66

INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION		
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 10,800.00	\$ 8,968.64
Substitute Teachers	100.00	.00
Teacher Aides	522.00	.00
Contracted Services, speech	4,000.00	170.32
Instructional Supplies	300.00	578.60
Other Expense	100.00	202.20
Textbooks	100.00	6.19
Psychological Salaries	3,474.00	6,152.27
Psychological Contracted Services	1,000.00	285.44
Psychological Supplies	100.00	70.44
Other Expense, Travel & Conferences	150.00	62.21

TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL ED.	\$ 20,646.00	\$ 16,496.31
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, SPECIAL EDUCATION		
Pupil Transportation	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 985.68

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 985.68

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS, SPECIAL ED.		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,191.03

TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER		
DISTRICTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,191.03

SUB-TOTAL:		
SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 33,146.00	\$ 23,673.02

GRAND TOTAL: OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 287,853.00	\$ 284,992.68
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### *HOT LUNCH FUND*

RECEIPTS:		
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1979		\$ 4,320.94
Adult lunchroom sales	\$ 1,111.79	
Student lunchroom sales	6,955.36	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursements	8,987.91	

Other receipts	120.98	
Meal tax	61.74	17,237.78
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		\$21,558.72

# **EXPENSES:**

Food	10,736.28	
Labor	8,063.09	
Supplies	760.30	
Meal tax	61.98	19,621.65
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CASH BALANCE on Hand December 31, 1979	\$ 1,937.07
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## **MUSIC REVOLVING FUND**

CASH ON HAND January 1, 1979	\$ 326.65
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# **RECEIPTS:**

Rental of instrument	10.00
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	\$ 336.65

# **EXPENSES:**

Purchase of instrument	.00
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CASH ON HAND December 31, 1979	\$ 336.65
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# TOWN WARRANT

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin,                      Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the fifth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

**ART. 1.** To choose a Moderator, Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer and Tree Warden, each for One Year. One Selectman and Board of Public Health Member, One Assessor, One Member of the Sanderson School Committee, One Member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee, One Park Commissioner, One Library Trustee to fill unexpired term and Three Constables, each for Three Years. One Member of the Planning Board and One Library Trustee, each for Five Years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 6:00 P.M.

**ART. 2.** To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

**ART. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Board of Health.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000.00 under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, as amended, and transfer into a Gen-

eral Highway Fund. Said money to be reimbursed under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971 as amended. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$7,500.00 to be used in conjunction with any monies allotted by the State under Chapter 480, Acts of 1979.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$22,474.00 under the provisions of Chapter 480, Acts of 1979, per fiscal 1980 contract with the State, in anticipation of 100% reimbursement, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen and Assessors as the Finance Committee, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the following accounts for the 1981 Fiscal Year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee.

Assessors' Expenses	\$ 4,500.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	7,000.00
Bonds	600.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00
Elections	700.00
Fires & Equipment	5,988.00
F.C. Retirement System	16,872.00

Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	2,500.00
Highway Dept.:	
Paid Vacations & Holidays	4,750.00
Sick Leave	1,700.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance-Town Bldgs. & Equipment	7,000.00
Insurance-Public Official Liability	1,800.00
Memorial Day	350.00
Office-Clerical	10,400.00
Office Expenses	2,500.00
Planning Board Expenses	250.00
Registrars	250.00
Street Lights	3,200.00
Street Lists	350.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	700.00
Town Counsel	2,000.00
Town Dump	5,300.00
Town Hall	2,500.00
Town Officers	7,300.00
Town Reports & Ballots	1,800.00
Treasurer's Expenses	500.00
Tree Warden	2,500.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	-----
Workmen's Compensation	5,600.00

**ART. 10** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1980, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4,



and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ART. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for Park and Beach Operations and Maintenance, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for a Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach. Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to purchase and install additional fencing and a gate at the Tennis Courts, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to be used towards control of weeds in Ashfield Lake, or act relative thereto. (Not Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$702.00 for that purpose. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,274.00 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$1,274.00 be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

**ART. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned Equipment, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the 1980 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the balance of the Machinery Earnings as of June 30, 1980 and transfer to the 1981 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to purchase a new Pickup for the Highway Dept., or act relative thereto.

**ART. 21.** (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee of its citizens to develop a nuclear emergency evacuation plan, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 22.** (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to prohibit the transport of radioactive fuel, waste, and nuclear weaponry within the limits of the Town, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 23.** (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to establish a fine that will effectively discourage the transport of radioactive fuel, waste, and nuclear weaponry within the limits of the Town, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1979 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts (\$2,304.00) to the 1980 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and

eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$41,000.00 to construct and operate a Transfer Station, the sum of \$10,000.00 to be used for construction, the sum of \$15,000.00 to be used for site restoration and the sum of \$16,000.00 to be used for operating costs, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Town's Share of the Greenfield Visting Nurses Association, or act relative there to. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) the estimated costs of tax mapping for the Board of Assessors, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$14,650.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee.)

**ART. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to be used for the general operations of the Police Department, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,500.00 for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library, and to accept any State or Fed-

eral aid, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$223,690.87 (Capital, \$13,915.15; Operating, \$181,565.04; Vocational, \$28,210.68) to pay the Town's Share of the Fiscal 1981 capital cost, operating and vocational budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of public schools.

**ART. 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civil Defense, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,543.40 to pay Ashfield's Share of the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 37.** (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$161.80 to reimburse the Ashfield Historical Society, Inc. for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Real Estate Tax paid by the Society in 1979.

**NOTE:** This warrant appears as a matter of information only. The OFFICIAL TOWN WARRANT may contain changes and-or additions.

Edward W. Scott  
Ralph L. Howes  
Russell Fessenden  
**Selectmen of Ashfield**







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# ANNUAL REPORT 1980



TOWN of ASHFIELD  
MASSACHUSETTS







## Dedication

*Ralph L. Howes is retiring from Town Office this year, and there has been no question in anyone's mind that this Annual Report should be dedicated to him.*

*Ralph has served the Town in a variety of offices for the past eighteen years. He has been a selectman and a member of the Board of Health from 1963 to the present. He was an assessor from 1963 to 1975 and a member of the Board of Public Welfare from 1963 to 1968. Throughout his period of service, he also served as a member of the Finance Committee. This is a remarkable record, all the more so because Ralph has been an active, full-time farmer throughout his long years of service to the community.*

*Ralph has brought to the many offices he has held sound judgement and even-handed fairness. He has a remarkable knowledge of the Town and of its people, providing other Town officers with invaluable information. He will be sorely missed, but we are confident that he will continue to give needed advice and counsel whenever called upon.*



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Officers and Committees  
OF THE TOWN OF  
ASHFIELD  
MASSACHUSETTS



For The Year Ending 1980

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**U. S. SENATORS**

**PAUL TSONGAS**

**EDWARD M. KENNEDY**

**U. S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1**

**SILVIO O. CONTE, PITTSFIELD**

**STATE SENATOR**

**JOHN W. OLVER, AMHERST**

**REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1**

**JONATHAN L. HEALY, CHARLEMONT**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**JOHN F. BASSETT, TURNERS FALLS**

**MARGARET H. HERLIHY, GREENFIELD**

**EVERETT B. HATCH, GREENFIELD**

# Town Officers

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday at the Town Office. Time schedule is as follows:

Monday afternoons: 1:30 P.M. — 4:30 P.M. Nov. 1 through April 30  
Monday evenings: 7:30 P.M. — 9:30 P.M. May 1, through October 31

1 yr. Terms

**MODERATOR**  
EDWARD W. PEPPYNE

**AUDITOR**  
THERESA A. CASSIDY

**CLERK**  
ELEANOR M. WARD

**TREASURER**  
FAYE WHITNEY-LUSSIER

**TREE WARDEN**  
RAMON R. SEARS

**TAX COLLECTOR** 3 yr. Term

JANE E. WARD

Term expires 1982

**SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH** 3 yr. Term

RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN  
EDWARD W. SCOTT

Term expires 1981  
Term expires 1982  
Term expires 1983

**ASSESSORS** 3 yr. Term

WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER  
WARREN M. CHASE  
MALCOLM S. CLARK

Term expires 1981  
Term expires 1982  
Term expires 1983

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** by appointment

EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN  
MALCOLM S. CLARK  
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER  
WARREN M. CHASE

Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1980  
Term expires 1980



**SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term**

M. DIANNE MULLER	Term expires 1981
BARBARA V. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1982
STEPHEN G. TILLEY	Term expires 1983

**MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term**

ALDEN J. GRAY	Term expires 1983
M. DIANNE MULLER	Representative 1980

**CONSTABLES 3 yr. Term**

WARREN KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1983
JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1983
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1983

**PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. Terms**

DOUGLAS R. PEASE	Term expires 1981
WALTER E. TIRRELL	Term expires 1982
ROBERT M. LEVENSON	Term expires 1983

**PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. Term**

MARY L. TILLEY	Term expires 1981
EDWARD ZAGRUBSKI	Term expires 1982
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN	Term expires 1983
EDWARD W. PEPYNE	Term expires 1984
JUDSON MILES REES	Term expires 1985

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. Term**

JAMES L. CRAIG	Term expires 1981
WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1982
CLAYTON C. CRAFT	Term expires 1983
ANN N. LILLY	Term expires 1984
CAROL J. PEPYNE	Term expires 1985

**THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT**

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	June 1981
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER	June 1982
MARIANNA T. GRAVES	June 1983
KENNETH A. LILLY, Assoc. Member	June 1981
CLAYTON C. CRAFT, Assoc. Member	June 1982

#### **ARTS COUNCIL**

CATHERINE FESSENDEN  
ELICE D. PIEROPAN  
RICHARD G. MULLER, JR.

WINIFRED H. FIELD  
VIVIEN T. FULLER  
MELVIN J. FOX

#### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

LINWOOD B. LESURE  
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ  
MARY S. LUCAS  
RICHARD W. KULIS  
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS, JR.

June 1981  
June 1982  
June 1982  
June 1983  
June 1983

#### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

PHILIP H. STEINMETZ  
HELENE S. WALKER  
CAROLYN FOX  
MARIANNA T. GRAVES  
MARTIN E. CORMAN

June 1981  
June 1981  
June 1982  
June 1983  
June 1983

#### **ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

MARTIN E. CORMAN  
RICHARD M. CHANDLER  
ROGER S. HARRIS  
THOMAS S. LEUE  
MICHAEL E. C. GERY

June 1981  
June 1981  
June 1982  
June 1983  
June 1983

#### **NUCLEAR EMERGENCY EVACUATION COMMITTEE**

WALTER D. ZALENSKI

NATHANIEL D. SMITH

ROBERT VAN DERSTINE

#### **BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

PHYLLIS E. GRAVES  
HELEN E. DOYLE  
NATHANIEL D. SMITH  
JOANNE OSTROWSKI  
ALDEN J. GRAY

June 1981  
June 1982  
June 1983  
June 1984  
June 1985

#### **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

ANGELINA M. O'DONNELL  
RALPH S. PEASE

JUNE E. FITZGERALD  
ELEANOR M. WARD

**CHIEF OF POLICE**  
WALTER D. ZALENSKI

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
EDWARD D. CRAFTS

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**  
THEODORE BOBETSKY

**BURIAL AGENT**  
GERALD A. RANNEY

MALCOLM S. CLARK

DONALD S. GRAVES

CHARLES C. GRAY

**FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN**  
ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE

**PLUMBING INSPECTOR**  
RICHARD E. OUIMETTE

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**  
RALPH W. GRAVES

**DOG OFFICER**  
MARK W. SPEES

**FREDERICK W. WELLS TRUSTEE**  
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN

**FIELD DRIVERS & POUND KEEPERS**

MERTON E. HOWES

**SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER**

DONALD A. BURNETT

**FENCE VIEWERS**

RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

## Report of the Selectmen

Operating Town government these days is becoming more and more like running an obstacle course in which new hurdles are constantly being placed in front of the runner. First it was the tax cap; then it was reclassification; and now it is Proposition 2½. The Town managed to overcome the tax cap and reclassification hurdles with little impact on essential operations, although at the cost of much added expense due to paper work. The impact of Proposition 2½ remains to be seen, but it will be more serious than the previous hurdles.

Proposition 2½ (which the voters of Ashfield turned down by a 2 — 1 vote) has already had an effect on Town finances. The sharp drop in the automobile excise tax rate from \$66 per thousand to \$25 will reduce Town revenues by an estimated \$40,000 during the current 1981 Fiscal year. By cutting expenses wherever possible and by some postponing of projects, we hope to overcome this immediate problem. The impact next year is difficult to foresee, except that it is certain to mean a reduction in Town revenues. As a result, we have had to ask Town departments to economize in every possible way in preparing their Fiscal 1982 budgets. As everyone knows, this is extremely difficult, especially when energy costs are involved.

Despite obstacles, there were positive accomplishments during 1980. The tax mapping project, voted at last year's Annual Meeting, is well underway. When completed, it promises to be of real long-term benefit to the Town. Periodically updated, the tax maps will provide an accurate basis for future assessments and settlement of property questions.

Another accomplishment was the progress made in Town Records Preservation. The vault has been completely reorganized and remodeled. Documents have been indexed and filed and valuable permanent records have been rebound. As a result, Town records have been made more secure and easier to locate. At the same time, adequate and well-defined space has been provided for storage of future documents.

Progress has also been made in further improving electric power for Ashfield. Northeast Utilities has informed us that it will be improving the transmission lines serving Apple Valley during the spring of 1981.

The Highway Department, like others, has had a busy year. In addition to routine maintenance, two bridges, one on lower Apple Valley Road and one on Baptist Corner Road, required repair to their foundations. This was a considerable expense, but bridge maintenance is not an item which is wise to postpone. The new highway pick-up truck was delivered and put into service.

The State-mandated installation of a transfer station at the Town dump was accomplished during 1980. Townspeople have been very cooperative in adjusting to the new facility, which has been operating smoothly. The Town has contracted with the Commercial Disposal Company of West Springfield for rental of the compactor and hauling the compacted refuse to landfill dumps in Granby and Chicopee operated by Connecticut Valley Sanitary Waste Disposal, Inc. The Franklin County Planning Board is spearheading an effort to build a steam-generating incinerator plant to which County towns can bring their refuse. Ashfield, along with nearly all other County towns, is supporting this proposal, which could, in time, significantly reduce our cost. In the meantime, recycling becomes more important than ever. Every bottle and newspaper put in the recycling sheds saves the Town money by reducing hauling and disposal costs.

The status of the sewer project is much as it was last year. We continue to make progress, be it ever so slow. Our engineering firm, Weston & Sampson, and the State Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering have yet to resolve their differences over the capacity of the proposed site for the Community septic system. Meanwhile, we have completed acquisition of the site from the Guditis family, having received authorization to do so at a Special Town Meeting, January 16, 1980.

An important related development in 1980 was passage by the State Legislature of two Acts which established an Ashfield Sewer District and an Ashfield Water District. The Acts do



not, in themselves, create the districts but are legislation authorizing residents of the area covered to create districts if they so desire. District residents are given four years from September of 1980 to take this step. As yet, no moves have been made to create the districts. The major reason for the Sewer District is that it would provide an equitable means for sharing the costs to the Town of the proposed sewerage system. The reason for creating an Ashfield Water District is different. At present the central area of Town receives its water from the Ashfield Water Company. The water system dates mostly from 1905 and is badly in need of modernization. The Ashfield Water Company has only 125 customers and does not have the means to finance the necessary improvements. As a private corporation, it is not eligible for State and Federal assistance; a Water District, on the other hand, would be eligible.

The proposed Sewer and Water Districts cover virtually the same area and would serve the same people. Although the two must remain separate legally, it would be possible as a practical matter for the same persons to serve as officers of both, thus reducing the need for a large number of officers and meetings. We feel that it would be a wise step for the Town to create the proposed districts and hope that interested residents will initiate the process.

Finally, we want to express our appreciation for the help and understanding shown by all involved in Town affairs. It has been an especially busy year for all — police, fire, highway, ambulance and others. Many people have given many hours with little or no compensation, demonstrating once again that we can make self-government work in Ashfield.

EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL 1980

July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980

## AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1978		\$	1,647.30
Balance forward, July 1, 1979			274.79
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		\$	1,922.09
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			1,005.93
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		\$	916.16
Telephone	345.48		
Oxygen	31.90		
Supplies	129.11		
Uniforms	16.00		
Equipment	235.50		
Ambulance supplies	52.19		
Training	16.58		826.76
			<hr/>
Unexpended balance forward		\$	89.40
Ambulance Savings & Interest	\$ 1,088.33		
Less transfer to cover expenditures (Jan. - June '76)			
not deducted from balance forwarded @ July 1, 1976	698.12		301.88
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	390.11		
Plus accumulated interest	55.35		445.46
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Total of Ambulance funds	55.35		534.86

## NEW AMBULANCE

Appropriations (Tatro Fund-\$5,772.75; Rev. Sharing-19,442.25		\$	26,215.00
Donation-American Legion, Post 245-\$1,000.00)			
Transfer from Reserve Fund			15.00
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		\$	26,230.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$ 26,230		<hr/>

## ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriation		\$	155.44
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$ 155.44		<hr/>

### ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$	3,860.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			2,652.51
			<hr/>
		\$	1,207.49
Transfer from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account (Special Meeting, May 5, 1980)			1,500.00
			<hr/>
		\$	2,707.49
Typing & secretarial	1,768.01		
Registry of Deeds	47.75		
Mileage & travel expenses	149.95		
Supplies	24.64		
Printed forms	95.43		
Dues	33.00		
Filing fee	30.00		2,148.78
			<hr/>
Balance to General Fund		\$	558.71

### BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation (\$268.48 - Dog Refund)		\$	4,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			1,500.00
			<hr/>
		\$	3,000.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$	3,000	<hr/>

### BLUE CROSS — BLUE SHIELD

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, August 6, 1979)		\$	6,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			2,382.64
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		\$	3,617.36
Expended	\$	3,563.27	3,563.27
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Balance returned to Overlay Surplus		\$	54.09

### BONDS

Appropriation		\$	600.00
Expended - Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	578.00	578.00
			<hr/>
Balance to General Fund		\$	22.00

### BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		\$	2,616.37
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$	2,616.37	-----

### CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$	350.00
Ashfield Cemetery Association	\$	350.00	-----

### CHAPTER 356 CONSTRUCTION FISCAL 1978 CREAMERY, HAWLEY & BEAR SWAMP ROADS

Unexpended balance. July 1, 1979		\$	1,207.84
Transferred from Reserve Fund			142.96
			-----
		\$	1,350.80
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$	1,350.80	-----

### CHAPTER 356 CONSTRUCTION FISCAL 1979 CREAMERY, HAWLEY, BAPTIST CORNER & SPRUCE CORNER ROADS

Appropriation (Free Cash-\$35,251; Taxation-\$12,000)		\$	47,251.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			39,156.84
			-----
		\$	8,094.16
Payroll	5,591.90		
Crushed stone	724.45		
Gravel	100.59		
Culverts & pipes	850.75		
Hired equipment	180.00		
Gravel & fill	504.35		7,952.04
			-----
Balance to General Fund		\$	142.12

### CHAPTER 497 GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND

Appropriation		\$	26,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		\$	25,963.00
			-----
		\$	37.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			6.78
			-----
		\$	43.78
Warner Bros. - Gravel	\$	43.78	-----

#### CHAPTER 497 GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$	10,000.00
(Special Meeting, May 5, 1980)			
Transferred from Reserve Fund			.14
			<hr/>
		\$	10,000.14
Payroll	6,067.40		
Cold patch	1,064.03		
Gravel	498.82		
Crushed stone	596.98		
Hired equipment	531.36		
Culverts & pipes	740.05		
R.H. Nye	4.30		
Ralph Dickinson — Mason	497.20		
	<hr/>	\$	10,000.14
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#### CHAPTER 765 CONSTRUCTION FISCAL 1979

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	5,000.00
Payroll	2,140.80		2,140.80
			<hr/>
Unexpended balance forward		\$	2,859.20

#### FEDERAL GRANT OFF-ROADS SYSTEM

Unexpended balance forward		\$	49,896.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			46,345.36
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	3,550.64

#### CIVIL DEFENSE

Unexpended balance forward		\$	100.00
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#### CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation		\$	300.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			75.00
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		\$	225.00
Mildred Reniff, Director	\$	225.00	<hr/>



# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Appropriation		\$	100.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			9.59
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		\$	90.41
Printing	26.63		
Dues	40.00		66.63
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Balance to General Fund		\$	23.78

## **DUMP**

Appropriation		\$	5,300.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			2,791.85
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		\$	2,508.15
Transferred from Reserve Fund			31.50
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		\$	2,539.65
Salary - Dump attendant	1,830.00		
Plowing	87.50		
Rent	500.00		
Fill	112.70		
Supplies	9.45		
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		\$	2,539.65

## **ELECTIONS**

Appropriation		\$	650.00
Transferred to Town Counsel account (Special Meeting, May 5, 1980)			312.80
			<hr/>
		\$	337.20
Supplies	2.40		
Walter Doneilo	62.00		
Philip Steinmetz	62.00		
Martin Cornman	31.00		
John Mott	34.10		
Kenneth Howes	40.30		
Charles Williams	9.30		
Robert VanIlderstine	27.90		
Charles Buck	6.20		
Arthur Williams	6.20		
Kenneth Rillings	4.65		
Eleanor Ward	51.15		
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		\$	337.20

### FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$	5,636.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		3,001.09
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	\$	2,634.91
Transferred from Reserve Fund		197.19
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	\$	2,832.10
Payroll	1,630.50	
Dues	78.00	
Radio repairs	302.65	
Supplies	444.30	
Equipment repair	190.73	
Station phone	163.72	
Water	6.75	
Travel expenses	15.00	
Postage	.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,832.10

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$	100.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		6.00
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Balance to General Fund	\$	94.00

### HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION

Appropriation (Free Cash)	\$	2,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		448.73
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	\$	1,551.27
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account		800.00
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	\$	2,351.27
Fuel Oil	1,393.10	
Gas	822.02	2,215.12
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Balance to General Fund	\$	136.15

### HIGHWAY DEPT. — PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS

Appropriation	\$	4,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		3,093.75
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	\$	1,406.25

Expended	\$	1,353.15	1,353.15
Balance to General Fund			\$ 53.10

#### HIGHWAY DEPT. — SICK LEAVE

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979	\$	2,685.30
Appropriation		1,600.00
	\$	4,285.30
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		732.15
	\$	3,553.15
Expended	\$	515.70
Unexpended balance forward	\$	3,037.45

#### INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$	125.00
Theodore Bobetsky, Inspector	\$	125.00

#### INSURANCE — TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT

Appropriation (Free Cash)	\$	8,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		943.00
	\$	7,057.00
Fleet Insurance	3,114.00	
Town Buildings - Multi - Peril Insurance	3,943.00	
	\$	7,057.00

#### INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus (Special Meeting, January 16, 1980)	\$	1,436.30
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$	1,436.30

#### LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$	2,300.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		1,427.55
	\$	872.45
Mari Lou Ward, Lifeguard	315.00	
Holly Tirrell, Lifeguard	40.30	355.30
Balance to General Fund	\$	517.15

**MACHINERY EXPENSE**

Appropriation		\$ 15,000.00
Transferred Machinery Earnings (7-1-78 — 6-30-79)		3,097.10
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		\$ 18,097.10
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		14,361.84
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		\$ 3,735.26
Appropriation from Free Cash		15,000.00
(Special Meeting, January 16, 1980)		
Transferred from Reserve Fund		484.95
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		\$ 19,220.21
Parts & repairs	6,763.31	
Tires	2,674.08	
Supplies	356.18	
Electricity	154.82	
Radio repairs	81.14	
Gas & diesel fuel	9,078.02	
Telephone	104.66	
Water	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 19,220.21

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Flags	74.76	
Geraniums	60.20	
Poppies	30.00	164.96
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 185.04

**MENTAL HEALTH & RETARDATION SERVICES**

Appropriation		\$ 1,274.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$ 1,274.00	<hr/>

**DISTRICT NURSE — ASHFIELD'S SHARE**

Appropriation		\$ 4,348.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		2,630.04
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		\$ 1,717.96
Salary-nurse	1,068.28	
Mileage & expenses	207.10	
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	254.64	1,530.02
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 187.94

### OFFICE — CLERICAL

Appropriation	\$	7,800.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		3,900.00
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Expended	\$	3,900.00
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### OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation (Free Cash)	\$	2,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		1,449.31
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	\$	550.69
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account (Special Meeting, May 5, 1980)		500.00
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	\$	1,050.69
Postage & supplies	44.65	
Legal advertisements	49.52	
Notary fees	5.00	
Stationery	70.58	
Telephone	316.19	
Photocopy supplies	155.68	
Printed forms	18.50	
Mileage & expenses	6.00	
Dues	50.00	
Vital statistics	75.00	
Storage rent	50.00	841.12
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Balance to General Fund	\$	209.57

### PARKS & BEACH — MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	2,430.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12 31- 79		393.70
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	\$	2,036.30
Repair of bridge	293.42	
Beach & park equipment	456.74	
Fireplace & masonry	770.00	
Water	22.00	
Tree pruning	93.12	
Electricity	8.27	
Beach sand	299.93	
Supplies	3.59	1,947.07
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Balance to General Fund	\$	89.23



# **PARKS — TENNIS COURTS**

Appropriation		\$	8,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			5,975.25
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		\$	2,524.75
Coating & lining of courts-Copeland Co.	2,000.00		
Lighting	128.69		2,128.69
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Balance to General Fund		\$	396.06

# **PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$	250.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			53.00
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Balance to General Fund		\$	197.00

# **POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY**

Appropriation		\$	13,700.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			6,849.96
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			6,849.96
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	\$	6,849.96	6,849.96
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Balance to General Fund			.08

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriation (Fed. Public Works Emp. Act-\$3,762.00; \$2,738.00-Taxation)		\$	6,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			4,165.61
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		\$	2,334.39
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account (Special Meeting, May 5, 1980)			1,200.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			654.95
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		\$	4,189.34
Typing & clerical	550.00		
Payroll	2,274.00		
Telephone	252.43		
Cruiser-parts & repairs	720.52		
Printed forms	18.00		

Uniforms & equip.	136.02	
Supplies	70.57	
Dues	30.00	
Insurance	127.80	
Country Bank	10.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 4,189.34

#### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Appropriation		\$ 225.00
Angelina O'Donnell	50.00	
Ralph Pease	50.00	
June E. Fitzgerald	25.00	
Eleanor Ward	100.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 225.00

#### RENT OF HYDRANTS

Appropriation		\$ 710.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		<u>351.00</u>
		\$ 359.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 337.50	<u>337.50</u>
Balance to General Fund		21.50

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Appropriation		\$ 15,895.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		<u>7,947.50</u>
		\$ 7,947.50
Expended	\$ 7,947.50	<u>          </u>

#### ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$ 306,732.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		<u>114,083.39</u>
		\$ 192,648.61
Expended	\$ 187,357.65	<u>187,357.65</u>
Balance to General Fund		\$ 5,290.96

# **MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

Appropriation		\$ 206,596.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		160,884.77
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		\$ 45,711.23
Expended	\$ 41,319.20	41,319.20
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Special Meeting, May 5, 1980:		\$ 4,392.03
Transferred to Assessors' Expenses	1,500.00	
Transferred to Heating Town Buildings	800.00	
Transferred to Office Expense	500.00	
Transferred to Police Department	1,200.00	
Transferred to Town Counsel	392.00	4,392.00
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Balance to General Fund		\$ .03

## **SANDERSON ACADEMY — PAINTING**

Appropriation (Fred Cross Fund)		\$ 3,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		1,091.00
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		\$ 2,409.00
William F. Gray	\$ 1,510.50	1,510.50
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Balance returned to Fred Cross Fund		\$ 898.50

## **SEWERAGE UPDATE — PHASE I**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979		14,137.01
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		3,750.00
(Special Meeting, Oct. 15, 1979)		
Due from Federal Government		11,250.00
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		\$ 29,137.01
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79		18,936.86
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		\$ 10,200.15
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.	\$ 8,550.12	8,550.12
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Unexpended balance forward		\$ 1,650.03

## **DESIGN OF SEWERAGE WORKS**

Authorization to raise by borrowing		\$ 60,000.00
(Special Meeting, June 10, 1977)		

### LAND PURCHASE — SEWERAGE WORKS

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$	18,500.00
(Special Meeting, Jan. 16, 1980)			
Frank & Beverly Guditis	\$	5,000.00	5,000.00
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Unexpended balance forward		\$	13,500.00

### STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	3,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			1,363.41
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		\$	1,636.59
Western Mass. Electric	\$	1,437.95	1,437.95
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Balance to General Fund		\$	198.64

### STREET LISTS & SCHOOL CENSUS

Appropriation from Free Cash		\$	350.00
(Special Meeting, Jan. 16, 1980)			
School Census Allotment			198.21
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		\$	548.21
Street Listing & Census	396.41		
Typing	55.80		
Indexing, filing, etc.	46.50		498.72
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Balance to General Fund		\$	49.49

### TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	1,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12- 31-79			964.56
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		\$	35.44
Appropriation from Free Cash			200.00
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(Special Meeting, Jan. 16, 1980)		\$	235.44
Supplies	9.12		
Stamps	165.00		
Printed forms	32.83		
Box rent	10.00		216.95
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Balance to General Fund		\$	18.49

**TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			207.13
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		\$	292.87
Supplies	15.81		
Telephone	192.91		
Dues	3.00		
Postage	2.42		
Printed forms	14.72		228.86
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Balance to General Fund		\$	64.10

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	2,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12- 31- 79			1,073.29
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		\$	926.71
Special Meeting, May 5, 1980:			
Transferred from Elections account			312.80
Transferred from Mohawk Trail Reg. School account			392.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			100.40
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		\$	1,731.91
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Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$	1,731.91	

**TOWN HALL**

Appropriation (Free Cash)		\$	2,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			1,083.33
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		\$	916.67
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus			1,200.00
(Special Meeting, May 5, 1980)			<hr/>
		\$	2,116.67
Supplies	24.26		
Repairs — doors	63.00		
Electricity	678.37		
Blackboard	15.58		
Furance repair	104.95		
Janitor	53.77		
Water	13.50		
Insulation	725.00		1,678.43
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Balance returned to Overlay Surplus		\$	438.24



**TOWN OFFICERS**

Appropriation		\$	7,300.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			3,630.00
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		\$	3,670.00
Edward Scott, Selectman	250.00		
Ralph Howes, Selectman	250.00		
Russell Fessenden, Selectman	250.00		
Warren Chase, Assessor	300.00		
Malcolm Clark, Assessors	300.00		
William Schreiber, Assessor	300.00		
Jane Ward, Tax Collector	350.00		
Faye Whitney-Lussier, Treasurer	600.00		
Eleanor Ward, Town Clerk	600.00		
John L. Parker, Auditor	20.00		
Linwood Lesure, Moderator	20.00		
Robert Vanlderstine, Fire Chief	175.00		
Mark Spees, Dog Officer	30.00		
Barbara Zalenski, School Committee	75.00		
M. Dianne Muller, School Committee	75.00		
Stephen Tilley, School Committee	75.00		
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**TOWN RECORDS — PRESERVATION**

Unexpended balance, July 1, 1979		\$	2,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			597.42
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		\$	1,902.58
The College Bindery			
Rebinding of books — Binding of Town Reports	\$	400.67	400.67
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Unepended balance forward		\$	1,501.91

**TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS**

Appropriation		\$	1,800.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund			8.88
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		\$	1,808.88
Town Reports — Hatfield Printing	1,564.40		
Ballots	92.00		
Voters' Lists	102.48		
Delivery — Town Reports — Girl Scouts	50.00		
	<hr/>	\$	1,808.88
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**TREASURER'S EXPENSES**

Appropriation		\$	500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			216.67
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		\$	283.33
Forms & Supplies	34.05		
Dues	25.00		
Postage	20.00		
Filing fees	10.08		
Country Bank	6.50		95.63
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Balance to General Fund		\$	187.70

**TREE WARDEN**

Appropriation		\$	2,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			1,365.38
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		\$	1,134.62
Transferred from Reserve Fund			75.63
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		\$	1,120.25
Ramon Sears, Tree Warden	764.00		
Dennis Morin	202.75		
Eric Tirrell	228.50		
Log loader — Harold Pike	15.00		
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		\$	1,210.25

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Appropriation (Overlay Surplus)		\$	1,000.00
(Special Meeting, Aug. 6, 1979)			
Transferred from Reserve Fund			44.00
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		\$	1,044.00
Expended	\$ 1,044.00		<hr/>

**VETERAN'S BENEFITS**

Appropriation		\$	2,500.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			909.33
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		\$	1,590.67
Expended	\$ 341.38		341.38
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Balance to General Fund		\$	1,249.29

### WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' CENTER

Appropriation		\$	2,329.74
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79	\$	2,329.74	<u>          </u>

### WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$	40,000.00
Expended 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			<u>14,149.45</u>

		\$	25,850.55
Payroll	23,729.46		
Salt	250.25		
Hired equipment	1,714.55		
Supplies	62.40		
Plow repairs	90.00		25,846.66

Balance to General Fund		\$	<u>3.89</u>
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### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$	5,600.00
Massamont Insurance	5,012.00		
Audit	561.00		<u>5,573.00</u>

Balance to General Fund		\$	<u>27.00</u>
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### RESERVE FUND

Appropriation (Overlay Surplus)		\$	2,500.00
Transfers to accounts 7-1-79 — 12-31-79			<u>157.96</u>

		\$	2,342.04
Chapter 497 — General Highway Fund	6.92		
Dump	31.50		
Fires & Equipment	197.19		
Machinery Expense	484.95		
Police Department	654.95		
Town Reports & Ballots	8.88		
Tree Warden	75.63		
Unemployment Compensation	44.00		<u>1,504.02</u>

Balance returned to Overlay Surplus		\$	<u>838.02</u>
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## *SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS*

January 1, 1980 — June 30, 1980

Abatements — Motor Vehicle	\$ 376.88
Abatements — Personal Property	9.35
Abatements — Real Estate	672.36
Ambulance Fund	826.76
Assessor's Expenses	2,148.78
Belding Memorial Library	3,000.00
Blue Cross — Blue Shield	3,563.27
Bonds	578.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00
Chapter 356 — Fiscal 1979	7,952.04
Chapter 497	43.78
General Highway Fund	10,000.14
Chapter 765 — Fiscal 1979	2,140.80
Charity	250.00
Civil Defense Director	225.00
Commonwealth of Mass:	
Motor Vehicle Assessment	110.77
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution	158.39
State Recreation Areas	3,807.76
Conservation Commission	66.63
Dog Officer	154.00
Dump	2,539.65
Elections	337.20
Fires & Equipment	2,832.10
Hathaway Fund	30.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	2,215.12
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	1,353.15
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	515.70
Inspector of Animals	125.00
Insurance — Town Buildings & Equip.	7,057.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	355.30
Machinery Expense	19,220.21
Memorial Day	164.96
Nurse	1,530.02
Office — Clerical	3,900.00
Office Expense	841.12
Parks & Beach — Maintenance	1,947.07
Parks & Beach — Tennis Courts	2,128.69
Police Chief's Salary	6,849.96
Police Department	4,189.34
Registrars	225.00

Rent of Hydrants	337.50
Retirement System — Franklin County	7,947.50
Schools:	
Ashfield Public Schools	187,357.65
Mohawk Trail Regional High School	41,319.20
Sanderson Academy — Painting	1,510.50
Sewerage Update — Phase I	8,550.12
Sewerage Works — Land Purchase	5,000.00
Street Lights	1,437.95
Street Lists & School Census	498.72
Tax, Franklin County	20,178.39
Tax Collector's Expenses	216.95
Town Clerk's Expenses	228.86
Town Counsel	1,731.91
Town Hall	1,678.43
Town Officers	3,670.00
Town Records — Preservation	400.67
Town Reports & Ballots	1,808.88
Treasurer's Expenses	95.63
Tree Warden	1,210.25
Unemployment Compensation	1,044.00
Veterans' Benefits	341.38
Winter Roads	25,846.66
Workmen's Compensation	5,573.00
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	\$ 412,775.45

Income:

Blue Cross — Blue Shield Deductions	3,609.84
Dog Licenses	633.35
Fees, Deputy Tax Collector	40.00
Franklin County Retirement Deductions	3,406.56
Police — Special Duty	39.00
Real Estate Refunds	684.93
State Withholding Deductions	6,677.36
State Aid — Library	1,000.00

Total:	<hr/>	428,866.49
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Total of Selectmen's Orders, July 1, 1979 — December 31, 1979	\$ 697,415.66
Total of Selectmen's Orders, January 1, 1980 — June 30, 1980	428,866.49

GRAND TOTAL FOR FISCAL 1980	<hr/>	\$1,126,282.15
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN



## APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL 1980

	Transfers	By Taxation	Available Funds
<b>Totals forward as of December 31, 1979</b>		\$ 720,002.07	\$ 111,990.88
<b>Special Meeting, January 16, 1980</b>			
Interest on Loans —			
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus			1,436.30
Machinery Expenses —			
Appropriation from Free Cash			15,000.00
Tax Collector's Expenses —			
Appropriation from Free Cash			200.00
Street Listing —			
Appropriation from Free Cash			350.00
Land purchased, Guditis parcel —			
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus			18,500.00
<b>Special Meeting, May 5, 1980</b>			
Assessor's Expenses —			
Transfer from Mohawk Trail			
Regular Account	1,500.00		
Heating of Town Buildings —			
Transfer from Mohawk Trail			
Regular Account	800.00		
Office Expense —			
Transfer from Mohawk Trail			
Regular Account	500.00		
Police Department —			
Transfer from Mohawk Trail			
Regular Account	1,200.00		
Town Counsel —			
Transfer from Mohawk Trail			
Regular Account	392.00		
Transfer from Elections acc't	312.80		
Town Hall —			
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus			1,200.00
General Highway Fund —			
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus			10,000.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<u>\$ 720,002.07</u>	<u>\$ 158,677.18</u>

A true copy of Appropriations for Fiscal 1980

ELEANOR M. WARD  
TOWN CLERK

# Tax Collector's Report

January 1, 1980 — December 31, 1980

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1972

Outstanding 12-31-79		\$	344.36
Outstanding 12-31-80	\$	344.36	
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		344.36	344.36

1973

Outstanding 12-31-79			2,621.37
Payments to Treasurer		250.63	
Outstanding 12-31-80		2,370.74	
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		2,621.37	2,621.37

1974

Outstanding 12-31-79			3,529.92
Payments to Treasurer		285.35	
Outstanding 12-31-80		3,244.57	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		3,529.92	3,529.92

1975

Outstanding 12-31-79			4,645.12
Payments to Treasurer		373.96	
Outstanding 12-31-80		4,271.16	
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		4,645.12	4,645.12

1976

Outstanding 12-31-79			3,469.93
Payments to Treasurer		405.19	
Outstanding 12-31-80		3,064.74	
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		3,469.93	3,469.93

1977

Outstanding 12-31-79			2,521.98
Payments to Treasurer		766.97	

Outstanding 12-31-80	1,755.01	
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	2,521.98	2,521.98
1978		
Outstanding 12-31-79		9,087.94
Less to be refunded		- .10
Refunded		.10
Abatements	99.00	
Payments to Treasurer	3,249.65	
Outstanding 12-31-80	5,739.29	
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	9,087.94	9,087.94
1979		
Outstanding 12-31-79		18,885.31
Commitment 1980		744.39
Less to be refunded		- 18.15
To be refunded		7.70
Refunded		282.88
Abatements	1,810.89	
Payments to Treasurer	12,692.08	
Outstanding 12-31-80	5,399.16	
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	19,902.13	19,902.13
1980		
Commitment		73,719.34
Refunded		838.24
Abatements	4,107.69	
Payments to Treasurer	58,336.23	
Outstanding 12-31-80	12,113.66	
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	74,557.58	74,557.58

### *REAL ESTATE*

1974 — 1975		
Outstanding 12-31-79		671.28
Outstanding 12-31-80	671.28	
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	671.28	671.28

1975 — 1976

Outstanding 12-31-79		331.60
Payments to Treasurer	43.20	
Outstanding 12-31-80	288.40	
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	331.60	331.60

1976 — 1977

Outstanding 12-31-79		1,859.80
Payments to Treasurer	1,518.15	
Less to be Refunded		- 50.00
Outstanding 12-31-80	291.65	
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	1,809.80	1,809.80

1977 — 1978

Outstanding 12-31-79		8,843.13
Payments to Treasurer	7,733.87	
Outstanding 12-31-80	1,109.26	
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	8,843.13	8,843.13

1978 — 1979

Outstanding 12-31-79		21,683.09
Payments to Treasurer	15,109.11	
Outstanding 12-31-80	6,573.98	
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	21,683.09	21,683.09

1979 — 1980

Outstanding 12-31-79		259,590.60
To be refunded		162.35
Less to be refunded		- 437.00
Refunded		672.36
Abatement cancelled		126.99
Abatements	26.69	
Payments to Treasurer	240,915.75	
Outstanding 12-31-80	19,172.86	
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	260,115.30	260,115.30

1980 — 1981

Commitment		608,594.88
To be refunded		87.95
Abatements	5,493.10	

Payments to Treasurer	254,240.16	
Outstanding 12-31-80	348,949.57	
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	608,682.83	608,682.83

## *PERSONAL PROPERTY*

### 1974 Six Months

Outstanding 12-31-79		380.73
Payments to Treasurer	323.35	
Outstanding 12-31-80	57.38	
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	380.73	380.73

### 1974 — 1975

Outstanding 12-31-79		823.20
Payments to Treasurer	660.96	
Outstanding 12-31-80	162.24	
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	823.20	823.20

### 1975 — 1976

Outstanding 12-31-79		1,025.77
Payments to Treasurer	610.67	
Outstanding 12-31-80	415.10	
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	1,025.77	1,025.77

### 1976 — 1977

Outstanding 12-31-79		756.30
Payments to Treasurer	651.51	
Outstanding 12-31-80	104.79	
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	756.30	756.30

### 1977 — 1978

Outstanding 12-31-79		1,169.94
Payments to Treasurer	936.56	
Outstanding 12-31-80	233.38	
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	1,169.94	1,169.94



1978 — 1979

Outstanding 12-31-79		1,663.10
Payments to Treasurer	1,094.33	
Outstanding 12-31-80	568.77	
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	1,663.10	1,663.10

1979 — 1980

Outstanding 12-31-79		17,249.42
Refunded		9.35
Less to be refunded		- 9.35
To be refunded		66.49
Payments to Treasurer	16,379.69	
Outstanding 12-31-80	936.22	
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	17,315.91	17,315.91

1980 — 1981

Commitment		40,625.54
To be refunded		26.84
Abatements	16.60	
Payments to Treasurer	18,941.75	
Outstanding	21,694.03	
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	40,652.38	40,652.38

## *FARM ANIMAL & MACHINERY EXCISE*

1976

Outstanding 12-31-79		67.40
Payments to Treasurer	67.40	
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	67.40	67.40

1977

Outstanding 12-31-79		66.40
Payments to Treasurer	66.40	
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	66.40	66.40

1978

Outstanding 12-31-79		280.90
Payments to Treasurer	280.90	
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	280.90	280.90

1979

Outstanding 12-31-79		904.60
Payments to Treasurer	681.20	
Outstanding 12-31-80	223.40	
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	904.60	904.60

1980

Commitment		6,815.85
Payments to Treasurer	5,650.65	
Outstanding 12-31-80	1,165.20	
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	6,815.85	6,815.85

JANE E. WARD  
TAX COLLECTOR

# Town Clerk's Report

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1980

DATE	NAME	PARENT
JANUARY		
9	Matthew Alexander Magagna	J. David Magagna Diane E. (Laputka)
FEBRUARY		
20	David George Schreiber	Thomas H. Schreiber Shirley J. (Sweet)
MARCH		
18	Brian Pierce Swem	Paul E. Swem Janet H. (Stinziano)
27	Jared Michael Phelps	William F. Phelps Lindsey L. (Delisle)
APRIL		
14	Nicole Marie Brown	Lewis S. Brown Donna L. (Pearce)
MAY		
2	Gretchen Emily Langer Rowe	George H. Rowe, IV Sharon (Langer)
5	Jennifer Carroll	Robert L. Carroll Ricki L. (Greenberg)
27	Jessi Lynne Lanoue	David G. Lanoue Diane L. (Doneilo)
SEPTEMBER		
4	Natalie Lynn Bennett	William G. Bennett Melinda A. (Brown)
13	Matthew Harrison Parker	Gordon B. Parker, Jr. Susan L. (Anderson)
OCTOBER		
14	Wayne Donald Hathaway	Wayne L. Hathaway Robin E. (Mackie)
NOVEMBER		
22	Joshua Emerson Shippee	Ronald J. Shippee Valerie J. (Plympton)

**DECEMBER****1** Rebecca Nuland Chandler

Richard M. Chandler

Patricia S. (Nuland)

**29** Noel Allen Johnson

Clyde A. Johnson

Susan (Lapointe)

**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1980**

<b>Contracting Parties &amp; Residence of each</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 15</b> Richard P. Fitzgerald, Ashfield, Mass. Lorralyn (Stafford) Page, Ashfield, Mass.	Deerfield
<b>MAY 10</b> Alan W. Lilly, Ashfield, Mass. Shirley A. Miller, Bernardson, Mass.	Ashfield
<b>MAY 23</b> William G. Bennett, Ashfield, Mass. Melinda L. Brown, Ashfield, Mass.	Greenfield
<b>MAY 25</b> Robert M. Miller, Ashfield, Mass. Teri M. Crocker, Ashfield, Mass.	Shelburne
<b>JUNE 6</b> Harold M. Potter, Jr., Ashfield, Mass. Mary Nancy Varcoe, Ashfield, Mass.	Conway
<b>JUNE 16</b> Gary C. Freniere, Ashfield, Mass. Christine St. Jean, Ashfield, Mass.	Ashfield
<b>AUGUST 23</b> Keith R. Leininger, Ashfield, Mass. Karla J. Duprey, Ashfield, Mass.	Ashfield
<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b> Albert J. Mooney, Ashfield, Mass. Ann K. Anderson, Ashfield, Mass.	Ashfield
<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b> Norman L. Russell, Ashfield, Mass. Sharon J. Zingler, Ashfield, Mass.	Ashfield

**OCTOBER 18****Ashfield**

Pate L. McCartney, Ashfield, Mass.  
 Sheryl Margolis, Ashfield, Mass.

**NOVEMBER 1****Ashfield**

David J. Blakesley, Westhampton, Mass.  
 Laura A. Buck, Ashfield, Mass.

**DECEMBER 27****Hiram, Maine**

Douglas R. Woodard, Ashfield, Mass.  
 Mareen A. Steiner, Ashfield, Mass.

**DEATHS RECORDED IN 1980**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name &amp; Place of death</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
14	John P. Eaton, Ashfield	56
19	Frank Witkowski, Ashfield	93
22	Myrtle L. Percy, Worcester	90
<b>APRIL</b>		
28	Annie Roberts, Greenfield	90
<b>MAY</b>		
19	Brian Scott Howes, Ashfield	19
<b>AUGUST</b>		
17	Rachel E. (O'Brien) Bancroft, Charlemont	77
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
13	Robert J. Hubert, Ashfield	48
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
24	H. Hazel (Beals) Graves, Shelburne	86
29	Jennie (Martorelli) Barnell, Ashfield	79
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
17	Patricia O. (Leonard) Melia, Ashfield	54

**Note:** (Any errors or omissions should be reported to the Clerk)



## ELECTIONS & BALLOTING

	Votes Cast	Reg. Voters
Presidential Primary, March 4, 1980	375	785
Annual Town Election, April 5, 1980	322	785
State Primary, September 16, 1980	60	806
Presidential & State Election, November 4, 1980	745	863

## FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED

JANUARY 1, 1980 — December 31, 1980

52 Res. Fishing @11.25	\$ 585.00	
46 Res. Hunting @11.25	517.50	
72 Res. Sporting @16.50	1,188.00	
3 Res. Minor Fishing @6.25	18.75	
1 Non-res. Fishing @17.25	17.25	
3 Non-res. 7-day Fishing @11.25	33.75	
2 Res. Traping @14.50	29.00	
4 Duplicates @2.00	8.00	
5 Non-res. Hunting @38.25	191.25	
2 Res. Sporting (Over 70)	Free	
3 Res. Fishing (Paraplegic, etc.)	Free	
2 Res. Hunting (Paraplegic, etc.)	Free	
2 Res. Fishing (65-69) @5.75	11.50	
2 Res. Hunting (65-69) @5.75	11.50	
6 Res. Sporting (65-69) @8.25	49.50	
1 Res. Trapping (65-69) @7.25	7.25	
24 Archery Stamps @5.10	122.40	
5 Waterfowl Stamps @1.25	6.25	
	-----	\$ 2,796.90
 Paid to Commonwealth	 \$ 2,744.50	
Fees retained	52.40	
	-----	\$ 2,796.90

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1980 — December 31, 1980

94 Males @3.00	\$ 282.00	
12 Females @6.00	72.00	
75 Spayed females @3.00	225.00	
5 Kennel @10.00	50.00	
	-----	\$ 629.00

Paid to Town Treasurer	\$ 563.90	
Fees retained	65.10	
	-----	\$ 629.00

Respectfully submitted,  
ELEANOR M. WARD  
TOWN CLERK

# Town Treasurer's Report

JULY 1979 — June 1980  
Fiscal Year 1980

Cash Balance June 30, 1979

\$ 104,034.11

## RECEIPTS

### Tax Receipts

1974 - 1975 Personal Property	523.99
1975 - 1976 Real Estate	249.22
1975 - 1976 Personal Property	268.91
1976 - 1977 Real Estate	5,014.73
1976 - 1977 Personal Property	215.74
1977 - 1978 Real Estate	6,783.34
1977 - 1978 Personal Property	707.64
1978 - 1979 Real Estate	41,997.77
1978 - 1979 Personal Property	1,452.07
1979 - 1980 Real Estate	394,788.33
1979 - 1980 Personal Property	30,464.70
1980 - 1981 Real Estate	1,500.00

### Motor Vehicle Excise

Levy of 1972	16.50
Levy of 1973	77.55
Levy of 1974	361.30
Levy of 1975	431.00
Levy of 1976	338.21
Levy of 1977	1,049.47
Levy of 1978	3,441.97
Levy of 1979	39,241.93
Levy of 1980	38,067.66

### Farm Animal Excise

Levy of 1976	67.40
Levy of 1977	250.35
Levy of 1978	337.00
Levy of 1979	3,942.50

### Interest

Real Estate, Personal Property, Farm Animal	4,676.98
Motor Vehicle Excise	807.77

Demands	1,538.00
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578,612.03

Accounts Receivable	
Tuition from other schools	54,646.20
Trust Fund Income	
Library	
Fred A. Cross Fund	275.28
M.M. Belding Endowment	157.24
Park	
Whiting St. Fund	181.07
M.M. Belding Endowment	157.24
Cemetery Funds	178.85
Interest on Treasurer's Cash No. 8411	940.65
Interest on Series H Bonds	542.50
Country Bank Dividends	45.00
Mass. Withholding Tax	13,305.19
County Retirement Deductions	6,638.26
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions	5,693.82
Road Machinery Earnings	5,290.55
School Lunch Program	
Hot Lunch Receipts	8,227.20
USDA Receipts	12,141.44
Sanderson Academy Music Revolving Fund	110.00
Dog Licenses	646.45
Ambulances	
Earnings	265.00
Memory Funds	1,927.50
Gifts	195.00
Ashfield American Legion Donation	
towards new Ambulance	1,000.00
Public Health Nursing Fees	1,069.40
District Court of Franklin — Fines	685.00
Franklin County Dog Refund	204.58
Franklin Co. Public Hosp. (Patient Rfd.)	72.00
Police	
Pistol Permits	250.00
ID's	62.00
Accident Reports	30.00
Traffic Duty	39.00
Receipts, Permits, Licenses, etc.	
Ambulance, Sale of	2,000.00
Amusement Licenses	166.20
Bicentennial Booklet, Sale of	12.00
Board of Appeals Petitions	30.00
Building Inspections	25.00
Building Permits	752.00
Business Permits	5.00

Culverts, Sale of	587.15	
Dance Permit	2.00	
Disposal Works Permits	30.00	
Equipment, Use of	89.50	
Fire Department Earnings	325.00	
Gas Licenses	32.00	
Gas Registrations	100.00	
General Licenses	11.00	
Histories, Town		
Vol. I	192.00	
Vol. II	66.00	
Installers Permits	60.00	
Liquor ID	2.00	
Liquor Licenses	800.00	
Liquor Permit (Special)	2.00	
Lunch Counter Permits	14.00	
Municipal Tax Lien Certificates	57.00	
Metropolitan Petroleum Refund	1,421.13	
N.E. Telephone Refund	3.00	
Notice of Intent Hearing (Cons. Comm.)	25.00	
Raffle Permits	40.00	
Rent, Town Hall	36.00	
School Census	198.21	
Street List, Sale of	2.00	
Sunday License	5.00	
Tag Sale Permits	22.00	
Used Car Class II Licenses	10.00	
Vendors License	2.00	
Victuallers License	5.00	
	-----	122,105.61
U.S. Treasury EPA Boston	26,500.00	
	-----	26,500.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Receipts		
Civil Defense	150.00	
Dept. of Public Works, Ch. 765	82,100.00	
Elderly Persons Tax Abatement	1,230.96	
Hwy Fund, Ch. 497	42,748.00	
Hwy Fund, Ch. 497 (Addl)	1,404.00	
Hwy & Transit Development, Ch. 825	36,145.00	
Local Aid, Ch. 58	7,463.00	
Local Aid, (Addl)	16,931.00	
Loss of Taxes on State Land	2,916.50	
Public Libraries, Ch. 78	1,000.00	
Public Welfare — Tuition & Trans.	1,048.00	



School Aid, Ch. 70	32,966.00	
Transportation of Pupils, Ch. 71	16,675.00	
Transportation of Pupils, Ch. 71A	563.00	
Tuition for State Wards	3,535.00	
Veterans Benefits	930.64	
	<hr/>	247,806.10
Municipal Loans	125,000.00	
	<hr/>	125,000.00
Transfers		
From New Ambulance Acct.	5,829.11	
From Ambulance Savings Acct.	698.12	
From Fred Cross Acct.	1,091.00	
From William Hathaway Acct.	20.00	
From Revenue Sharing Acct.	19,442.25	
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		\$1,231,138.33
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Revenue Sharing Receipts	19,500.00	
Interest	1,023.26	

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Selectmen's Warrants	824,841.11	
School Warrants	301,441.04	
School Lunch Warrants	21,853.55	
Music Revolving Fund	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,148,185.70
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		\$ 82,952.63
Cash Balance June 30, 1980		
Country Bank — Checking Account		43,205.26
United Savings Bank No. 8411 Treasurer's Cash		39,747.37
United Savings Bank No. 10827 Revenue Sharing		22,231.11
Other Town Funds June 30, 1980		
Ambulance No. 12277	445.46	
Fred Cross No. 19520	8,000.60	
Fred Cross No. 79000138	50,241.16	
Fred Cross No. 79000140 (Cemetery)	2,000.00	

Fred Cross No. 79000141 (Library)	5,000.00
Edwin H. Eldridge No. 12130 (Cemetery)	200.00
G. Stanley Hall No. 6815 (Cemetery)	100.00
William Hathaway No. 79000097	15,233.17
Susan Howes No. 79000096	1,509.60
Major King No. 79000095	7,554.53
Lydia Miles No. 1968 (Cemetery)	350.00
Eliza Miller No. 54400559	4,946.16
Eliza Miller No. 28555	409.55
Eliza Miller No. 79000091	7,212.38
Eliza Miller No. 79000094	1,936.68
Eliza Miller No. 79000093	2,172.44
Salmon Miller No. 54400558	6,361.01
Salmon Miller No. 69847	3,103.84
Jennie Sears No. 79000139 (Cemetery)	500.00
Charles A. Smith No. 9015 (Cemetery)	100.00
Henry Taylor No. 79000092	6,365.51
Whiting St. Fund No. 79000153 (Park)	2,409.86
Stabilization	5,633.92

FAYE WHITNEY-LUSSIER  
TREASURER

## Report of the Fire Department

First — the bad news — The Fire Department responded to *over 70 calls* during 1980 making it the busiest year for responses in the Fire Department's history. Thanks to the cooperation and efforts of the officers and personnel, losses were kept to a minimum but expenses to the Town were greater. Estimated value of insured property involved in fire emergencies — \$1,488,000; estimated losses — \$4,250.

Secondly — the good news — Due to the purchase of a new truck and the updating of minor equipment plus increased training programs, the Insurance Rating Bureau notified the Town of Ashfield that we have retained our Class 7 Rating which means the Town's base insurance rates will remain the same.

Highlights of the 1980 Training Program: In the Spring, 2 men attended a Tanker Shuttle school in Williamsburg, 1 man took a Fire Ground Command course at Keene State College, an 18 hour course was given for new members in Ashfield. In the summer, a Tanker Shuttle drill was held in the Town of Conway. In the Fall, 1 man attended a Vehicle Rescue course in Fitzwilliam, N.H., 1 man attended a Fire Investigation course at Keene State College, 2 men attended a Stove & Chimney Installation course at Keene State College. In the winter, 1 man attended a Fire Management course at Greenfield Community College. In addition to the above, the Massachusetts Fire Academy conducted two courses at the Fire Station on automobile fires and liquid propane gas. Eight local drills were also held.

Equipment purchased by the Town of Ashfield was: 3 radio receivers, 1 smoke ejector bracket, 1 adaptor and 4 new coats for the crew. Equipment purchased by the Ashfield Firemen's Association was: 1 portable pump, 1 battery charger, for Engine 3, fog lights for Engine 2, 2 radio receivers, 2 sets of couplings & repair collars, 6 pairs of gloves and books for the First Responder Course. The Fire Association also paid for Pee Wee & Little League accident insurance.

The daily log for the year is as follows:

## RESPONSE REPORTS

1-01-80	10:45 A.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Grass fire
1-05-80	12:45 P.M.	Hawley Road	Chimney fire
1-06-80	1:10 P.M.	Rt. 116 — So. Ashfield	Grass fire
1-28-80	5:50 A.M.	Smith Road	Smoke investigation
2-05-80	7:50 A.M.	Norton Hill	Stove pipe fire
2-06-80	8:50 A.M.	North Street	Chimney fire
2-07-80	2:55 P.M.	Suburban Drive	Chimney fire
2-09-80	11:00 A.M.	Smith Road	Chimney fire
2-12-80	9:00 A.M.	Phillips Road	Chimney fire
2-18-80	11:15 P.M.	Dyer Road	Chimney fire
2-23-80	4:00 P.M.	Buckland Road	Accident
2-29-80	8:25 A.M.	Main Street	Broken steam pipes
3-01-80	1:45 A.M.	Charlemont	Mutual aid
3-05-80	7:00 A.M.	Steady Lane	Chimney fire
3-06-80	7:30 A.M.	Rt. 116	Accident
3-06-80	8:30 A.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Accident
3-11-80	11:25 A.M.	Plainfield Road	Chimney fire
3-11-80	2:45 P.M.	Charlemont	Mutual aid
3-16-80	10:20 A.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Structure fire
3-18-80	7:05 P.M.	Rowe	Mutual aid
3-26-80	4:20 P.M.	Bear Swamp Road	Structure fire
4-02-80	8:35 P.M.	Hawley Road	Chimney fire
4-06-80	2:15 P.M.	Cape Street	Pole fire
4-07-80	8:15 A.M.	Main Street	Faulty sprinkler
4-10-80	7:45 A.M.	Bear Swamp Road	Smoke investigation
4-17-80	11:45 A.M.	Murray Road	Grass fire
4-19-80	10:15 A.M.	South Street	Illegal burning
4-20-80	1:30 P.M.	March Road	Brush fire
4-21-80	1:45 P.M.	Plainfield Road	Brush fire
5-03-80	2:20 P.M.	Murray Road	Smoke investigation
5-04-80	12:05 P.M.	West Road	Brush fire
5-21-80	8:30 P.M.	Main Street	Gas wash-down
5-22-80	3:00 P.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Dump fire
5-25-80	4:00 P.M.	Pony Cliffs	Camp fire
5-26-80	10:50 A.M.	Tatro Road	Grass fire
5-28-80	10:30 A.M.	Suburban Drive	Grass fire
5-31-80	7:15 A.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Dump fire
6-23-80	6:30 P.M.	Main Street	Gas wash-down
7-07-80	7:40 P.M.	Conway	Mutual aid

7-25-80	11:05 P.M.	Williamsburg Road	Accident
8-01-80	11:05 A.M.	Main Street	False alarm
8-04-80	7:10 P.M.	Buckland Road	Accident
8-26-80	4:00 P.M.	Pony Cliffs	Camp fire
8-31-80	1:00 P.M.	Pony Cliffs	Burning underground
9-02-80	7:35 P.M.	March Road	Power wire down
9-02-80	9:05 P.M.	Bellus Road	Appliance fire
9-06-80	10:45 A.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Brush fire
9-07-80	6:45 P.M.	West Road	Accident
9-09-80	8:20 A.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Smoke investigation
9-09-80	5:10 P.M.	Baptist Corner Rd.	Brush fire
9-13-80	11:25 A.M.	West Road	Accident
9-27-80	6:10 P.M.	Suburban Drive	Car fire
9-28-80	12:30 P.M.	Conway	Mutual aid
10-18-80	8:50 P.M.	West Road	Brush fire
10-25-80	8:45 P.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Dump fire
10-30-80	9:20 A.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Dump fire
10-30-80	6:00 P.M.	Conway	Mutual aid
10-30-80	9:00 P.M.	Ashfield Mountain	Grass fire
11-02-80	5:25 P.M.	Creamery Ave.	Chimney fire
11-06-80	2:20 P.M.	Williamsburg Road	Brush fire
11-06-80	7:30 P.M.	Hill Road	Chimney fire
11-09-80	12:00 P.M.	Watson Road	Car fire
11-11-80	3:45 P.M.	Buckland Road	Stove pipe fire
11-15-80	3:45 A.M.	Shelburne Falls	Mutal aid
11-29-80	5:45 A.M.	Main Street	Structure fire
11-30-80	11:30 A.M.	Dyer Road	Chimney fire
12-02-80	7:35 A.M.	Rt. 116 — So. Ashfield	Chimney fire
12-03-80	11:15 A.M.	Buckland Road	Stove pipe fire
12-04-80	5:00 P.M.	Suburban Drive	Smoke investigation
12-05-80	5:30 A.M.	Bronson Ave.	Wood pile
12-06-80	5:10 A.M.	Baptist Corner Road	Chimney fire
12-14-80	4:00 P.M.	Cummington Road	Chimney fire
12-23-80	5:20 P.M.	March Road	Car fire
12-25-80	7:10 A.M.	Suburban Drive	Chimney fire
12-25-80	9:05 A.M.	Bug Hill Road	Chimney fire
12-25-80	1:45 P.M.	West Road	Truck fire
12-31-80	8:30 P.M.	Lithia Road	Slab pile

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE  
*Fire Chief*



## Report of the Energy Conservation Committee

The Ashfield Energy Conservation Committee held monthly meetings throughout 1980. We have continued to prepare monthly articles for the Ashfield News and maintain a shelf of energy information at the Belding Memorial Library for the benefit of the townspeople.

Activities of 1980 include: the insulation of the Library attic, the audit of the Historical Society building, sponsorship of a presentation on wood burning at the Grange in June, and the submission of a successful grant proposal for a solar installation at Sanderson Academy.

Briefly here are some other activities of the committee this past year: '79 Town Report Energy Supplement, W.A.R.M. program, recycling coordinating efforts, walk-through audit of Sanderson Academy and streetlight audit (on-going). We continue to collect and make available a large energy information bank.

This year saw the appointment of Michael Gery in April to replace Albert Pieropan. Roger Harris continues to represent the town on the County Energy Task Force.

The Ashfield Energy Conservation Committee is dedicated to helping all members of the Ashfield community in saving energy and money. We can offer advice and references in the energy area. The committee usually meets the third Friday of each month at 7:30 P.M. All meetings are open to the public.

*Energy Conservation Committee*

ROGER HARRIS, *Chairman*

MARTIN CORNMAN, *Clerk*

RICHARD CHANDLER

MICHAEL E. C. GERY

THOMAS LEUE

## Police Department Report

The statistics speak pretty much for themselves and I will make no further comment about them. Our annual dinner was a great success in 1980. The support we receive never ceases to overwhelm me. With some of the money we have added 2 more monitors, purchased books on Search and Seizure, Chapter 90 Laws and Massachusetts Criminal Laws, and new phone stickers with the police, fire and ambulance number. If you have not received them, call or stop by and ask for them. They are also available at the library.

One of the big items on the agenda for the coming year will be the consideration of a new cruiser. With the price of vehicles and gasoline rising and energy conservation, this will be a weighty decision.

I would like to take this space to let you know in what ways your police department serves you that you might not be aware of. It is something people just do not think about. The department is there and when they need us, there is someone on the other end of the phone. The system we have is 24 hour coverage. This means that during a 24 hour period, there is someone available to go out on a call 99.44% of the time, but which also means that someone is on the telephone and radio during that 24 hour period. The only time money changes hands is when the officer goes out on a call. Yet these men and women have to be there on the radio and telephone and sometimes, have to make heavy decisions and judgements immediately. It is a tremendous responsibility and they have to be, and are, dedicated people. Not only do they have unpaid hours on the radio and phone but have meetings to attend . . . re-arranging their full time job schedules to fulfill some of the requirements of being a police officer. The maintenance cost of the cruiser is low because we have a mechanic like Ken Howes who likes to have a vehicle run properly. At my request the men have begun to log their unpaid hours. So when I ask for a raise for the men and

women in the department, it is because they more than deserve the small pay they receive for the work they do. As far as I am concerned, no price is high enough to pay for their loyalty, support and dedication. My hat is off to all of them.

Thanks go again to the selectmen and all of the townspeople for their cooperation and support which makes our job easier and makes the department more efficient and better to serve you all.

### *STATISTICS REPORT*

	<i>1980</i>	<i>1979</i>
Mileage	25,300	23,400
Calls	2,262	2,025
Investigations	245	235
Dogs	52	65
Accidents	38	31
Death Investigations	3	0
Assaults	4	3
Breaks	17	20
Thefts	15	8
Drugs	0	1
Vandalism	4	4
Summons & Warrants	7	7
F.I.D. cards	18	35
Pistol permits	18	31
Trips to hospital	3	4
Court appearances	42 hrs.	35 hrs.
Tickets & Citations	69	40

WALTER D. ZALENSKI  
*Chief of Police*

## **Tree WARDEN REPORT**

A large number of trees were removed last year because of being dead, dying or in an unsafe condition. The utility companies assisted on some of these trees that were overhanging their wires. Maple trees ranked highest in removals with fifteen, along with five beech trees, two oaks and one elm, making a total of twenty-three trees.

Wind storms created more work in the form of cleaning up and repairing broken trees. A number of split trees were reported by concerned property owners, making it necessary to tie them together with ropes until they could either be braced or removed. I appreciate people bringing to my attention these trees that are split or unsafe.

The Electric Co. had a bucket crew trimming power lines this summer. Other trees were pruned by the tree warden in order to make them safe and to prolong the life of the tree.

Two oak trees and one maple were planted. More new trees will be planted again this spring.

This coming year could see a marked increase in the gypsy moth activity. Spraying procedures have been discussed but seem impractical because of the cost, lack of good control and concern for the environment. Probably the best method of control at this time is for the homeowner to paint as many gypsy moth egg clusters as possible before they hatch in May.

**RAMON R. SEARS**  
*Tree Warden*



# **Report of the Veterans' Agent**

## **Western Franklin District**

Report to the Selectmen of the Town of Ashfield, Mass.

During the past fiscal year the Town of Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway and Shelburne provided \$12,800. to assist needy veterans and their families with food, clothing, shelter and other necessities. The Commonwealth of Mass. will reimburse these towns up to 50% of the money they expended. No other veterans from the other towns comprising this district sought help financially.

I assisted at seven funerals during the year. Flags were presented to the next of kin on behalf of the town and the Veterans Administration. The VA granted \$300.00 towards the burial expenses and \$150.00 as a plot or internment allowance for those veterans who died as a result of a non-service connected disability.

Over 1200 other activities were handled in this office. Veterans and their families came to this center for assistance in getting G.I. Home loans, VA Educational allowances, Pensions and Compensation. Various documents were notarized and tax abatement forms were completed.

Veterans graves in the town cemeteries were decorated with American Flags for Memorial Day. Organizations and individuals undertook this task in memory of their departed loved ones. The flags were bought by the towns and purchased and distributed through this center.

The sole reason for the existence of this center is to provide help to veterans and their families. We urge all of them to visit us even if they don't need assistance at the present time. We can provide them with information concerning their entitlements under the Veterans Administration.

Respectfully submitted,  
**EDWARD P. RUSSELL**  
*Veterans Agent*



# *REPORT OF THE WESTERN FRANKLIN*

## *VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER*

### **FISCAL YEAR 1980**

Balance July 1, 1979 \$ 5,641.89

**Receipts:**

Town of Ashfield	\$ 2,329.74	
Town of Bucland	1,996.92	
Town of Charlemont	1,664.10	
Town of Colrain	2,995.38	
Town of Conway	1,830.51	
Town of Hawley	665.64	
Town of Heath	1,331.28	
Town of Monroe	665.64	
Town of Plainfield	665.64	
Town of Shelburne	2,496.15	
Flags & Markers	1,002.44	
Photo Copies	2.75	
Federal Withholding	1,800.00	
State Withholding	1,680.00	
Retirement Withholding	819.53	
	-----	21,945.72
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		27,587.61

**Payments:**

Edward P. Russell, Director	11,000.00
Jane E. Rice, Clerk	1,012.00
Olive E. Wood, Treasurer	150.00
Edith S. Gerry, Treasurer	50.00
Rent	900.00
Office Expense	860.49
Agent's Expense	179.78
Janitor	120.00
Flags & Markers	989.61
Treasurer Bond	20.00
Retirement Assessment	1,471.00
Internal Revenue, FWT	1,800.00

Comm. of Mass., SWT	1,680.00	
County of Franklin, Retirement	819.53	
	<hr/>	21,052.41
Balance June 30, 1980 — The Country Bank		6,535.20
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	\$	27,587.61

EDITH S. GERRY  
*Treasurer*

# **Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

From July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980

I wish to thank the town officials and residents of the twelve member towns for their cooperation during the past year. On behalf of the Cooperative I welcome the town of Leverett into our program.

As part of this report I am listing the activities of this department. This report (attached) shows a small decrease in permits issued, with a total estimated value of over  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars.

The executive board met with Deerfield and Sunderland Selectmen to discuss their entrance into our Cooperative. After much discussion and review, the two towns decided to continue on their own as they have in the past.

As an annual occurrence, the Massachusetts Building Code Commission will be printing a new Code Book, Fourth Edition. This Code will be in effect as of September 1, 1980.

I wish to continue my campaign to emphasize the requirement of a permit and inspection for solid fuel burning devices. A number of fires have been attributed to these units due to improper installations, unsafe chimneys, careless disposal of ashes, and the placement of combustible items such as clothing and furniture too close to the stove.

I strongly recommend that every building with sleeping facilities be protected with a smoke detector system.

Respectfully submitted,  
**EDWARD D. CRAFTS**  
*Building Inspector*

# F.C.C.B.I.P.

## FISCAL YEAR REPORT From July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980

TOWN	PERMITS	VALUE	DWELLING	PERMIT FEES	CERTIF. OF OCC.	CERTIF. OF INSP.	C-I FEES COLLECTED
Ashfield	41	\$ 527,097	11	\$ 815	5	5	\$ 75
Barnardston	42	296,287	5	635	6	10	150
Buckland	42	143,983	1	405	2	7	140
Charlemont	42	315,489	6	614	8	9	175
Conway	17	216,612	5	363	2	3	65
Erving	49	433,265	4	901	8	7	150
Gill	53	166,173	3	543	8	27	640
Hawley	14	218,604	3	396	0	1	60
Heath	29	370,740	8	571.10	2	1	0
Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelburne	46	577,666	3	1,108	12	21	335
Shutesbury	41	254,806	4	470	11	9	50
TOTALS	416	\$3,520,722	53	\$6,821.10	64	100	\$1,840

Does *not* charge permit fees — Figure is *if* fees were collected and *are* included in total.

## **Report of the Planning Board**

Implementation of the revised Zoning By-Laws has resulted in an increased work load for the Planning Board. In accordance with Section IIB any person seeking approval to use any building, structure or land for industrial, commercial or business purposes, including any construction or expansion for such purposes, must obtain a Special Permit from the Planning Board. Under the previous By-Laws such uses were permitted upon obtaining a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

During the past year there have been no applications for sub-division approvals and requests for acknowledgements of "approval not required" on plot plans has been minimal. It should be noted, however, that construction of new residences is progressing at a rather healthy pace particularly in the West Road, March Road and Hawley Road areas of town.

Board members welcome comments, inquiries or reports of potential violations relating to the Zoning By-Laws. Concerned residents are encouraged to communicate with us. The Board meets regularly at the Town Hall at 8:00 PM on the first Wednesday of each month.

EDWARD W. PEPYNE, *Chairman*  
JUDSON REES, *Clerk*  
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN  
MARY L. TILLEY  
EDWARD A. ZAGRUBSKI



## Belding Memorial Library Report

The Belding Memorial Library had a successful year in 1980 with an increase in circulation of 1,668 over 1979. The total circulation in 1980 was 14,998. We had a tremendous increase in inter-library loans with 240 being processed.

Again, due to inflation, our buying power was cut by 100 books from the total purchased last year. In 1980 we purchased 200 books and with gifts by patrons we kept our overall total to about 500 with 295 gifts of books. Mr. Fabio Coen donated a large collection of books which increased our non-fiction and juvenile collection by a sizeable amount. Our appreciation goes to him for his generosity. We also thank all residents who have contributed to our collection with books, games, puzzles, records, magazines, articles and papers. Without these contributions we would not have the varied collection that we do. We value those who have contributed money for books and set up on-going memorial funds for loved ones. We thank those who have made browsing more interesting by loaning us displays for our cabinet.

Special mention must be made of two gifts presented to the library by the late Robert Hubert and Mrs. Hubert of West Road. It is a needed service added to the library and used almost daily. A very exceptional gift. Elice D. Pieropan gave an old painting of Main Street, painted by her, making a lovely addition to the building.

Our summer reading program for the youngsters had 20 participating. Our readers were: Mrs. Andrea Ingham, Mrs. Virginia Rich and Mrs. Nancy Rillings. Their enthusiasm is what made it a success.

The Bookmobile has begun a small van service every Wednesday. It picks up books that have to go back to the Western Regional Library and brings inter-library loan requests.

We have found this a great help in serving the public faster and it is the answer to keeping our bookmobile collection updated.

To help conserve energy, insulation was added to the area between the ceiling and roof of the building. We express our appreciation to all those who made this possible by volunteering their help in installing it. We hope this will show considerable savings on our oil consumption.

My thanks go to the people I work with at the library and to the trustees, selectmen and those who have helped in any way to make it easier for me during the year. Most importantly, I wish to thank all those who have used the library this past year. Their support and patronage has made the library an important part of the community.

BARBARA V. ZALENSKI  
*Librarian*

## *BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY*

### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

January — June 1980

Cash on hand, January 1, 1980	\$ 1,323.03	
Milo Belding Trust	2,174.38	
Milo Belding Surplus	237.07	
Town of Ashfield	2,000.00	
State Aid	1,000.00	
Interest on Bank Accounts		
Sara Norton Fund — N.I.S.	44.20	
Alonzo Lilly Fund — G.S.B.	216.84	
Alonzo Lilly Fund — U.S.B.	43.44	
Ashfield Lib. Assn. — U.S.B.	68.68	
Interest NOW Account	9.29	
Gifts	100.00	
Lost Books	13.82	
		7,230.75

## EXPENDITURES

Salaries and Services		2,928.30
Books and Magazines		1,284.86
Office Supplies		167.26
Fuel		1,140.66
Electricity		199.59
Telephone		123.20
Water		9.00
Janitorial Supplies		56.90
Miscellaneous		
Desk Fund	10.00	
Postage	34.07	62.07
P.O. Box Rent	8.00	
Safe Deposit	10.00	
Mileage		52.26
Repairs & Improvements		637.69
Service Charge		20.72
Membership Dues		5.00
		<hr/> 6,687.51
CASH ON HAND 7-1-80		543.24

## LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Greenfield Savings Bank	4,566.87
Franklin Savings Institution	1,325.59
Northampton Institution for Savings	1,084.41
United Savings Bank, Conway	1,705.92
United Savings Bank, Shelburne Falls	1,079.46
	<hr/> 9,762.25

CAROL J. PEPYNE  
*Treasurer*

## Board of Assessors' Report

In contradistinction to 1979 when there were about 69 "arms-length" sales of real estate, 1980 brought only about 43 such sales, similar to 1978 with 47 such sales. Whereas sale prices of residential tracts continued to rise markedly often surpassing the Board's valuations as of 1-1-80, the same was not true of sale prices of vacant, unimproved land, which seem to have reached by and large at least a temporary plateau. One interesting development in 1980 was that sales of tracts of land of up to 5 acres generally brought the same average price, namely about \$1,700, per acre, whether only 2 or 5 acres in size, indicating that buyers were seeking generally to obtain larger building lots.

### VALUATION AND TAX DATA

Year**	VALUATION			TAX	
	Real Estate*	Personal Property*	Total*	Rate	Levy*
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	290.7
1972	8,999	1,162	10,160	30	304.8
1978	24,407	1,630	26,048	17.50	455.8***
1979	26,925	1,909	28,834	17	490.2***
1980	31,514	2,105	33,619	19.30	648.9***

\*Thousands of dollars

\*\*As of January 1

\*\*\*Fiscal years, 1979, 80 and 81 respectively

The Board has used sales in 1980 of tracts of vacant, unimproved land to set up its table of land valuations for assessment purposes as of 1-1-81, as follows:

**TRACT SIZES****NO. OF SALES AVERAGE SALE PRICE**

2 — 5 acres inclusive	4	1,722 per acre
6 acres (boggy)	1	750 per acre
10 — 16 acres inclusive	6	1,049 per acre
29.67 — 34.5 acres inclusive	3	521 per acre
42.25 — 52.97 acres inclusive	3	649 per acre
74 — 75 acres inclusive	2	461 per acre
91 plus or minus acres	1	645 per acre
161 acres	1	320 per acre

As of 1-1-81 there were at least 984 assessable tracts in Ashfield.

WARREN M. CHASE  
MALCOLM S. CLARK  
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER  
*Board of Assessors*



## Ambulance Report

The need for our new ambulance continues to grow. The number of calls to which we responded increased in 1980 from 69 to 80. Thanks again to the dispatchers, crew members, emergency sitters and radio operators who keep the Service vital.

This year again Sanford Johnson coordinated dispatchers. Nick Phelps, with the help of many others, organized continuing education sessions and Doug Field took major responsibility for keeping the vehicle in good running order. Janice Scott continued to acknowledge the receipts of donations while Joe Cetto continued to be the Chief radio dispatcher. Cass Nawrocki organized the third annual tea during the Fall Festival. With help from many others, it was a fund-raising success.

Barbara Wickland represented the Service in organizing the monthly Blood Pressure Clinic with the Committee on Community Concerns. Many members of the Service helped by taking blood pressure reading during the clinic hours.

The Ambulance Service was again able to meet its operating expenses through gifts and donations. Thanks are extended to the families and friends who made contributions in memory of Hazel Graves, Charles (Skip) Hand, Brian Howes and Annie Roberts. Special thanks must be given to Keith Clement and all the Boy Scouts, leaders and friends, who made the benefit concert in memory of Brian Howes possible — also to the members of the band, "Fat", who donated their time and talent, and to Doug & Cheryl Pease for their own donation. All proceeds of this occasion were given to the Ambulance Fund. We would also like to thank those who donated to the fund in appreciation for help rendered.

New dispatchers and crew members bring our number to 49. Dorothy and Martin Cornman and Florence Greenman joined

the Service as dispatchers. Nord Arvidson, Barbara Kuhns, Noah Gordon, Bob Graveline and Robert Ruhloff became certified EMTs, and Jean Fessenden, Sandra Gallerani and Henry Phelps became involved as crew members.

All members of the Service wish to thank the Town for its generous support and for the opportunity to serve in time of need.

BEVERLY DUNCAN  
NATHANIEL SMITH  
Co-Directors  
*Ashfield Ambulance Service*

## **Report of the Civil Defense Director**

Last summer, Police Chief, Walter Zalenski and I attended two seminars at the Hilton Inn in Northampton on Nuclear Civil Protection Plan and Crisis Relocation Option. The purpose of this plan is to provide officials and agencies of Ashfield with a planning basis for carrying out those activities necessary in the event that "Crisis Relocation" is ordered by the Governor upon advice from the President.

The Ashfield Ambulance, Fire and Police Departments' personnel took a Radiology course given at our firehouse with each participant receiving a "Certificate of Graduation" in recognition of completion of the training course for Radiological Monitoring. We now have three self-support kits and three low-level dosimeters at the firehouse.

Again, let me remind you that the basement of the Belding Memorial Library is still our Fall Out Shelter and I will repeat that the primary need for the Civil Defense Preparedness Agency results from the ever present threat of a nuclear attack. In a secondary role, it is of great value in case of any type of disaster which might hit this area.

Respectfully submitted,

**MILDRED RENIFF**  
*Civil Defense Director*

## Public Health Nursing Service Report

As of March 1, 1980 Ashfield contracted with the Visiting Nurse and Health Services to provide health services to the Town. The Visiting Nurse and Health Services in Franklin County, Inc. is located at 50 Miles Street, Greenfield. It seeks to promote individual, family and community health. The Agency offers three major programs: (1) Nursing care in the home-this includes Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy; (2) Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services; (3) The Womens, Infants & Children Program (WIC).

A staff of 14 RN's provide nursing care to the sick in the home. Anyone may call for this service. The patient's physician indicates the specific care required. Home visits are also made to expectant parents, new mothers and babies. Group conferences are held for expectant mothers and parents on maternal and child health care and parenting.

The Homemaker-Home Health Aide staff of 75 offers assistance in homemaking to the sick, disabled and elderly. The Home Health Aide is trained to provide personal care under the direction of the nurse.

The Women, Infants and Childrens Nutritional Assistance program provides nutritional counseling and foods to eligible pregnant and post partum women, infants and children under 5 years of age in order to improve their health.

The hours of service are from 8 a.m. — 9 p.m. daily. If you have any questions about the health programs for mothers and child please call for further information regarding scheduled parent groups, nutritional counseling clinics or when the Maternal Child Health Nurse can visit your home.

In Ashfield, the Visiting Nurse and Health Services, during

a nine month period, made 275 Home visits, 78 Hours of personal care by the HHA and 1,387 miles in travel. The Agency was reimbursed for these visits as follows: 137 — Medicare; 25 — Medicaid; 30 — Other (Insurance, etc.); 7 — Part Fee; 77 — Free.

Expected funds to be received by the Agency from third party payors is \$4,107.61. Cost to the Town of Ashfield including initial program cost and mileage is \$1,656.00 to date.

Respectfully submitted,  
CONSTANCE PETRUNENKO  
*Executive Director*

## **Report of the Ashfield Conservation Commission**

The Ashfield Conservation Commission held 11 meetings and held two public hearings on Notices of Intent under the Wetlands Protection Act which requires such hearings when anyone wishes to dredge, fill or alter any wetland or land bordering any wetland. Eight additional inquiries did not require a hearing.

Richard Kulis joined the Commission replacing Russell Fessenden who became one of our Selectmen. Russell Loomis, Jr. became our new chairman.

*Ashfield Conservation Commission*  
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS, JR., *Chairman*  
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ, *Sec. — Treas.*  
RICHARD W. KULIS  
LINWOOD B. LESURE  
MARY S. LUCAS



## **Zoning Board of Appeals Report**

The Zoning Board of Appeals conducted hearings on three appeals for business permits during the past year. All three permits were granted.

Through clarification by Town Counsel, and after a joint meeting with the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals will only conduct hearings on Use Variances (i.e., appeals for uses prohibited by the By-Laws) and Grievance Appeals in the future.

RALPH E. TOWNSLEY, *Chairman*  
MARIANNA T. GRAVES  
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER  
CLAYTON C. CRAFT, *Associate*  
KENNETH A. LILLY, *Associate*  
*Zoning Board of Appeals*

## **Annual Report of the Fred W. Wells Trustees**

The Fred W. Wells Trust allocated over \$88,000 to benefit residents of the participating towns during the 1980 — 1981 fiscal year.

Project Horizon was assisted with \$18,000 to the Franklin County Mental Health Association. Grants were also made of \$13,000 to Mohawk Medical Center and \$5,000 to Farren Family Health Center.

Awards totaling \$4,880 for agricultural achievement were made through the Franklin County Agricultural Society, the 4-H Club, the Heath Fair and the Future Farmers of America Chapter at the Franklin County Regional Technical School.

Educational awards in the amount of \$47,450 were made for the 1980 — 1981 school year to be paid to various educational institutions for the benefit of 89 area students.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN  
*Trustee*

## Ashfield's Council On Aging

We held 11 meetings during 1980. We conducted a survey of attitudes toward housing in Ashfield and found too little desire for change to justify federally financed housing for the elderly. We continue responsibility for transportation to the Buckland-Shelburne Senior Center for meals on Monday and Thursday by means of a Mt. Grace bus leaving the Ashfield House about 10:30 A.M. for Shelburne Falls and returning in mid-afternoon. ANYONE MAY USE THIS BUS WHETHER GOING TO THE MEALS OR NOT.

On September 15th a group of 28 went for a boat ride on Lake Whitingham in Vermont under our auspices.

We invite visitors to our meetings and listen to suggestions and comments. Anyone wishing to attend should speak to one of us.

*Council On Aging*

PHILIP H. STEINMETZ, *Chairman*

MARIANNA GRAVES, *Secretary*

MARTIN CORNMAN

HELENE WALKER

CAROLYN FOX

# **Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

It's with pleasure that I write my second annual report as Superintendent of the nine-town area schools. Due to the high cost of printing, the towns have requested that we make our reports brief.

Since the passage of Proposition 2½ in November of 1980 we have had many questions and concerns about the impact of this new law on our educational programs. This law will limit the amount that our various communities can appropriate for the 1981-82 school budgets and will require substantial reductions in the budget. With the loss of fiscal autonomy it will mean that the school budgets will have to be approved by the taxpayers at town meeting. In the case of regional school districts the member towns will each have to approve a budget figure for the 1981 — 1982 school year. This process creates much uncertainty as to the final outcome of the budgets for next year. We are deeply concerned about the effects that will result in our schools if we are required to make drastic reductions in our budgets.

In the past year there has been substantial progress made in the development and implementation of the state mandated Basic Skills Improvement Program. Basic skills assessments in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics competencies are scheduled for April 1981 for all students two, five and eight in the system with the results being reported in May. Plans for assessing listening skills competencies are underway.

Staff members from the several districts will be involved in a Chapter 622 (sex equity) inservice training program during the spring in preparation for a future audit of our school

system. Other projects this year include the implementation of the Middle School Program for grades seven and eight at Mohawk Trail and establishment of a district-wide method of student achievement assessments. The Title I Math and Health Education programs have continued this year and have helped to enrich our students academically.

The school district's special education programs are effectively serving over 200 students, offering a full range of diagnostic and prescriptive programs. Several state and regional audits have commented favorably on our programs and personnel.

A new computerized system of data management, many inservice programs, and extensive training in the process of writing educational plans are providing an incentive in implementing the "spirit" of Chapter 766 legislation.

At this point in time our educational systems face many serious challenges. Together, we must face these challenges squarely so that we can provide the best quality education within the framework of our limited financial background.

In closing this report I wish to thank the many people who have supported us this year.

Respectfully submitted,

**BRUCE E. WILLARD**  
*Superintendent of Schools*



# **Report of the Principal**

## **Mohawk Trail Regional School District**

The year 1980 has been marked by a continuation of refinement in our curriculum and by a general examination of the courses which are offered to our students. While there were few additions and deletions in the curriculum there were many courses which were changed and updated.

Perhaps, one of the most dramatic changes in our school was brought about by the implementation of the Middle School project for grades 7 and 8. The implementation has been successful in terms of the effects on the atmosphere in the two grades as well as in the whole school. It is felt by most that the transition from elementary school to the Middle School grades at Mohawk has been improved tremendously. The Related Arts program in which all Middle School students are involved has been a source of great satisfaction for both students and parents. There has been a great acceptance of the Middle School project effort.

The increased amount of activities and the high achievement of several of our sports teams has elated the student body and the faculty. Our successful musical concerts, the class dances, Creative Arts Program and the general inclusion of worthwhile experiences have increased the kind of growth and maturity in our school which has been developing through the years.

The advent of Proposition 2½ has added many challenges to the faculty and administration of this school in their effort to maintain quality of education. The challenge must be accepted not only by the school community, but also by the community as a whole. Now, more than ever, the integration of school and community must become a reality.

**I. MELVIN ABRAHAMSON**  
*Principal*

# **Mohawk Trail Regional School District**

## **Resource Center Report**

The following statistical information has been compiled for the school year 1979 — 1980 :

Print Material	6,772
Non-print Material	688
Inter-library Loan Material	
Sent to Elementary Schools	123
Classes Using the Resource	
Center for Special Projects	270
New Books Cataloged	575
Individuals Using the MOIS	
Career Computer	836
Equipment Circulation	2,011

The annual allocation of Title IV B funds for the purchase of print and non-print material and equipment was \$4,744. This sum was expended in the area of social studies for the nine town regional school district, with material purchased being housed in each respective school library.

A grant for \$625.05 funding a library inservice program for all library personnel in the district was awarded by the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative in Great Barrington. A series of workshops on such topics as Book Conservation, Non-broadcast Video Distribution and Managing a Library combined with consultants for each building provided a meaningful inservice program.

Many thanks to the following people for their gifts to the Resource Center: Doris Askew, Neil Potter, Chris Hyrnyshyn, Nancy Bell, Diane Trembley, David Newell, Jane Grant,

Eleanor Garber, Libby Burnham, Eileen Silvester, Barbara Zalenski, Mary Doyle, Bryant Avery, Ardelle Chase, Sylvia Barnard and Flo Scott.

The annual Creative Arts Festival sponsored by the Resource Center Council was held in February with many local community people, students and faculty participating. Other programs held this year include the ongoing Artist of the Month exhibits, annual Preview Day in October, National Library Week activities, Faculty Tea and Media Day.

SUSAN B. SILVESTER

*Director of Instructional Media*

*Mohawk Trail Regional School District*



Telephone Commissions	301.27	
Use of Building and Facilities	234.85	
Sale of Surplus Property	397.50	
Refunds	440.66	
Lost and Damaged Books and Property	182.46	
Industrial Arts Project	208.15	
Tuitions	4,370.72	
Blue Cross — Blue Shield Holding Acct.	10,291.00	
Account reimbursements — 1000 Account	43.04	
Account reimbursements — 2000 Account	433.22	
Account reimbursements — 3000 Account	55.00	
Account reimbursements — 2000 Voc. Ed.	40.00	
Paid in Error	331.50	
	<hr/>	3,580,192.16
<b>Total Cash and Receipts:</b>		<hr/> <b>\$ 3,948,250.12</b>
<b>Paid:</b>		
Operations Warrants:		
Administration	\$ 75,057.53	
Instruction	1,039,965.14	
Other School Services	280,767.03	
Operation and Maintenance Plant	204,563.23	
Fixed Charges	92,452.81	
Community Services	29.25	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	40,110.44	
Debt and Debt Service	187,600.00	
Vocational Education		
Instruction	20,169.62	
Transportation	32,861.95	
Operation and Maintenance Plant	125.00	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	397.51	
Programs — Other Districts	30.00	
Tuition — Day	35,641.44	
Tuition — Evening	558.00	
Special Education		
Instruction	116,779.27	
Other School Services	29,568.11	
Operation and Maintenance Plant	1,128.86	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	450.00	
Programs — Other Districts	31,000.31	
Practical Arts	45.00	
Encumbered Funds	86,770.56	



Transfers to Investment	566,045.81	
Purchase of Copying Machine	3,250.00	
Federal Grants		
Title IV C (Middle School)	27,412.57	
Title VI B (West County)	38,881.09	
Food Storage	1,988.05	
Cashiering	710.08	
Title IV (Library)	5,679.00	
Reading Project	1,388.00	
Health	8,197.25	
Computer Project	1,881.00	
Vocational Information	4,429.00	
Blue Cross — Blue Shield Refunds	4,065.62	
Revolving Funds — Lunch	117,832.46	
Revolving Funds — Meals Tax	214.48	
Revolving Funds — Athletics	4,579.49	
Revolving Funds — Music	1,539.70	
Holding Account (Paid in Error)	331.50	
Payroll Deductions for taxes, etc.	462,488.27	
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	\$ 3,526,894.23	\$ 3,526,894.23
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Cash on Hand as of January 1, 1981		421,355.89
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Total Cash on Hand and Paid:		\$ 3,948,250.12

\* (Note 1) Assessments include \$81,135.55 due Jan. 1, 1981 but paid by the towns of Colrain and Rowe in 1980.

F. NEWTON MILLER  
*Treasurer*

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## Fiscal 1980 Financial Statement

A report detailing expenditures for calendar year 1980 (Jan. 1, 1980 — Dec. 31, 1980) and the budgets for Fiscal 1981 and Fiscal 1982 are on file at the Town Office and available for public inspection.

### OPERATING BUDGET

#### ADMINISTRATION

	Budget 1979 - 80	Expenditures 1979 - 80
Legal Services	1,200.00	2,486.09
Treasurer's Salary	2,415.00	2,400.00
Contracted Services	1,850.00	1,872.20
Treasurer's Supplies	100.00	868.25
Treasurer's Bonds	400.00	396.00
School Committee Expenses	1,400.00	2,985.51
Administrative Salaries	20,000.00	20,080.00
Clerical Salaries	25,000.00	32,352.00
Contracted Services	3,100.00	3,617.19
Supt. Office Supplies	5,500.00	6,579.27
Supt. Office Other Expenses	1,400.00	1,386.76
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>62,365.00</b>	<b>75,023.27</b>

#### INSTRUCTION

Coordinators' Salaries	14,500.00	15,380.98
Tutor-Reading Aide — Grade Level Coord. Aide Salaries	9,600.00	9,583.06
Curriculum Development	1,000.00	632.95
Supervision — Supplies	375.00	448.99
Supervision — Expenses	150.00	240.90
Seed Center	-0-	2,047.25
Administrative Salaries	42,983.00	43,500.00
Clerical Salaries	25,440.00	25,667.08

Contracted Services	6,714.00	7,469.95
Principal's Office Supplies	3,455.00	3,843.42
Principal's Office Expenses	1,700.00	1,479.78
Graduation Expenses	850.00	911.45
Teachers' Salaries	827,000.00	878,438.76
Teacher Aides' Salaries	13,475.00	12,799.41
Contracted Services	4,300.00	4,163.80
Teachers' Classroom Supplies	30,000.00	29,468.62
Teachers' Expenses	1,600.00	823.53
Textbooks	15,000.00	15,482.12
Librarian's Salary	15,780.00	18,811.74
Library Assistant Salary — Library Aide Salary	11,400.00	13,148.63
Library Supplies	5,000.00	5,073.62
Library Expenses	200.00	182.10
Audio-Visual Aide Salary	4,190.00	4,499.75
Audio-Visual Supplies	3,500.00	3,792.41
Guidance Salaries	57,750.00	67,371.39
Guidance Clerk Salary	7,035.00	7,700.00
Contracted Services	900.00	1,084.26
Guidance Supplies	1,100.00	1,090.72
Guidance Expenses	335.00	204.59
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TOTAL INSTRUCTION	1,105,332.00	1,175,341.27

## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Attendance Officer Salary	250.00	250.00
Attendance Officer Expenses	160.00	113.13
Health Salaries	11,500.00	11,359.64
Health Supplies	350.00	490.74
Health Expenses	50.00	45.85
Leased Buses — Salaries	3,940.00	3,555.00
Leased Buses — Supplies	3,216.00	4,691.90
Pupil Transportation Contracts	209,300.00	216,003.79
Pupil Transportation — Private Schools	-0-	2,350.01
Pupil Transportation — Field Trips	665.00	127.98
Cafeteria Manager Salary	10,600.00	12,353.84
Athletics	20,000.00	20,950.90
Special Activities Fund (Students)	-0-	378.05
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	260,031.00	272,670.83

## OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Custodial Salaries	75,180.00	76,406.92
Custodial — Supplies	6,860.00	7,287.61
Heat — Crittenden	5,000.00	7,903.00
Electric Energy — High School	75,000.00	76,788.85
Utilities — Crittenden (Elec., Tel., Wtr., Swg.)	4,900.00	5,710.37
Utilities — High School Telephones	5,700.00	6,211.55
Yards & Grounds (Critt.)	-0-	190.00
Yards & Grounds Contract — High School	-0-	-0-
Yards & Grounds Supplies — High School	2,600.00	2,020.83
Building Maintenance — Contracted Services (Crittenden)	-0-	603.10
Building Maintenance Supplies — Supt. Office (Crittenden)	2,500.00	246.38
School Building Maintenance — Contracted Services	13,800.00	13,706.60
School Building — Maintenance Supplies	5,500.00	5,274.60
School Building Maintenance — Energy Conservation	3,000.00	1,237.04
Supt. Office — Equipment Maintenance & Repairs	250.00	292.30
School Bldg. Equipment Maintenance — Contracted Services	220.00	106.00
School Building Equipment Maintenance — Supplies	5,300.00	4,263.58
Equipment Maintenance Repair — High School	3,600.00	2,961.93
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TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	209,410.00	211,215.66

## FIXED CHARGES

Franklin County Retirement System Assessment	25,000.00	32,743.50
Insurance — Supt. Office - Crittenden Bldg.	1,300.00	1,046.00
Insurance — High School	17,000.00	15,973.00
Unemployment Insurance	8,000.00	638.00
32B Health Insurance District Share Only	46,000.00	33,950.64
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TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	97,000.00	84,351.14

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Custodial Services	25.00	29.25
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TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	25.00	29.25

## ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Land Acquisition	-0-	10,009.93
Storage Building	-0-	872.71
Acquisition New Equipment — Supt. Office	1,200.00	1,658.97

Acquisition New Equipment — High School	9,500.00	13,485.54
Replacement of Equipment — Supt. Office	1,200.00	1,110.00
Replacement of Equipment — High School	8,500.00	6,714.26
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TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	20,400.00	33,851.41

## OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS

	1,754,863.00	1,852,482.83
*	14,708.25	
**	80,382.52	
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	1,849,953.77	

### Note:

\*Surplus Votes & Other items

\*\*Encumbered for Salaries which are included in the 1979-80 Expenditures.

## SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

### INSTRUCTION

Special Education — Coordinator's Salary	19,845.00	20,887.00
Special Education — Clerical Salary	7,060.00	7,560.00
Special Education — Coordinator's Supplies	500.00	453.26
Special Education — Coordinator's Expenses	1,000.00	979.25
Special Education — Teachers' Salaries	40,500.00	52,731.00
Special Education — Home Instruction Salaries	1,250.00	1,466.15
Special Education — Para Professionals Aides Salaries	13,300.00	18,326.08
Special Education — Contracted Services	500.00	458.50
Special Education — Supplies	700.00	764.56
Special Education — Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.40
Special Education — Textbooks	300.00	838.35
Special Education — Counselor	-0-	-0-
Special Education — School Psychologist	12,735.00	944.51
Special Education — Diagnostic - Counselling - Testing Services	5,000.00	12,617.92
Special Education — Psychologist Supplies	150.00	220.24
Special Education — Psychologist Expenses	100.00	585.73
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TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION	103,940.00	119,832.95



## OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Special Education — Health Salaries	1,050.00	1,153.80
Special Education — Health Expenses	50.00	-0-
Special Education — Transportation Contracts	5,500.00	17,963.19
Special Education — Adult Mandated Transportation	20,000.00	23,120.12
Special Education — Field Trip Transportation	250.00	27.30
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES — Special Education	26,850.00	42,264.41

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Special Education — Telephone	850.00	1,098.37
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TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT — SPECIAL EDUCATION	850.00	1,098.37

## ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Special Education — Acquisition of New Equipment	200.00	-0-
TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS — SP. ED.	200.00	-0-
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## OTHER DISTRICTS

Special Education — Tuition	24,000.00	14,623.21
Collaborative Membership	-0-	-0-
Collaborative Tuition	-0-	-0-
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TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION OTHER DISTRICTS	24,000.00	14,623.21
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET TOTAL	155,840.00	177,818.94
	* 6,388.04	
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	162,228.04	

\*Encumbered for Salaries which are included in the 1979 — 80 Expenditures.

## VOCATIONAL BUDGET

(Distributive Education and Evening Practical Arts Program)

### INSTRUCTION

D.E. Teacher Salary	9,283.00	9,056.56
D.E. Supplies	350.00	189.20
D.E. Expenses	650.00	262.98
D.E. Textbooks	200.00	68.16
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Sub Total — Distributive Education Program	10,483.00	9,576.90
Adult Evening School — Director's & Teachers' Salaries	7,400.00	8,731.98
Adult Evening School — Supplies	100.00	36.13
Adult Evening School — Expenses	60.00	66.60
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Sub Total — Adult Evening School	7,560.00	8,834.71
TOTAL VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTION	18,043.00	18,411.61

### OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Vocational Day School — Parent Transportation	-0-	1,610.82
Vocational Day School Transportation Contracts	-0-	29,435.23
D.E. — Field Trip Transportation	300.00	
	Tr.	197.54
	Ex.	75.00
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TOTAL VOCATIONAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	300.00	31,318.59

### OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

D.E. — Maintenance — Supplies	125.00	125.00
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TOTAL VOCATIONAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	125.00	125.00

### ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

D.E. — Acquisition of New Equipment	350.00	348.30
D.E. — Replacement of Equipment	-0-	-0-
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TOTAL VOCATIONAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	350.00	348.30

## OTHER DISTRICTS

Vocational Day School — Tuition	-0-	35,641.44
Vocational Evening Trade School — Tuition	-0-	556.50
Vocational Evening Practical Arts — Tuition	100.00	135.00
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TOTAL VOCATIONAL OTHER DISTRICTS	100.00	36,332.94
VOCATIONAL BUDGET TOTAL	18,918.00	86,536.44

## CAPITAL BUDGET

### DEBT RETIREMENT

Debt Retirement — Principal	140,000.00	140,000.00
Debt Retirement — Interest	36,400.00	36,400.00
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TOTAL DEBT RETIREMENT	176,400.00	176,400.00
CAPITAL BUDGET TOTAL	176,400.00	176,400.00

## GRAND TOTALS

APPROPRIATION BUDGETS	2,106,021.00	2,293,238.21
ENCUMBERANCES FOR 1979 — 80 SALARIES	86,770.56	
SURPLUS VOTES & OTHER ITEMS	14,708.25	
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	2,207,499.81	

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## Budget 1981 -- 82

### OPERATING BUDGETS

#### SERIES

	Regular Education	Special Educational	Voca- tional	1981-1982 TOTAL	1980-1981 TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION	72,698	—	—	72,698	74,655
INSTRUCTION	1,171,331	120,303	11,287	1,302,921	1,311,807
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	295,144	10,184	250	305,578	308,254
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	218,534	900	300	219,734	228,537
FIXED CHARGES	110,431	—	—	110,431	94,100
COMMUNITY CHARGES	25	—	—	25	25
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	11,245	400	685	12,330	31,725
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	—	47,000	200	47,200	24,200
	<u>1,879,408</u>	<u>178,787</u>	<u>12,722</u>	<u>2,070,917</u>	<u>2,073,303</u>

#### LESS ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENTS FROM

##### COMMONWEALTH OF MASS.:

Regional School Aid — Chapter 71	102,830
Transportation Chapter 71	121,000
School Related Transportation	14,610
Tuition — State Wards	10,000
School Aid — Chapter 70	314,024

	1981-1982 TOTAL	1980-1981 TOTAL
ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENTS		
	- 562,464	- 682,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED — OPERATING BUDGETS	1,508,453	1,391,303
CAPITAL BUDGET		
DEBT RETIREMENT	165,200	170,800
LESS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT FROM COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS	- 53,866	- 53,866
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED — CAPITAL BUDGET	111,334	116,934
TOTAL TO BE RAISED FOR OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS	1,619,787	1,508,237



# ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

## 1980 — 1981 Budget

10-1-79  
Enrollment

Percent

Amount

Town

10-1-80  
Enrollment

Percent

Amount

## 1981 — 1982 Budget

105	13.05	181,565.04	ASHFIELD	118	14.34	216,312.16
171	21.24	295,512.76	BUCKLAND	168	20.41	307,875.26
91	11.31	159,356.37	CHARLEMONT	91	11.06	166,834.90
138	17.14	238,469.34	COLRAIN	135	16.40	247,386.29
17	2.11	29,356.49	HAWLEY	17	2.06	31,074.13
38	4.72	65,669.50	HEATH	51	6.20	93,524.09
36	4.47	62,191.24	PLAINFIELD	44	5.35	80,702.24
31	3.85	53,565.17	ROWE	32	3.89	58,678.82
178	22.11	307,617.09	SHELburne	167	20.29	306,065.11
805	100.00%	1,391,303.00		823	100.00%	1,508,453.00

The difference in the 807 enrollment and the 805 used for assessment purposes for 80-81 was the result of two tuition students from Greenfield.

# ASSESSMENTS ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Town	Percent	Amount 1981 — 1982
ASHFIELD	11.9	13,248.75
BUCKLAND	19.3	21,487.46
CHARLEMONT	9.9	11,022.07
COLRAIN	16.3	18,147.44
HAWLEY	2.7	3,006.02
HEATH	4.3	4,787.36
PLAINFIELD	4.1	4,564.69
ROWE	11.5	12,803.41
SHELBURNE	20.0	22,266.80
	<hr/> 100.00	<hr/> 111,334.00

(Percentage figures remain the same each year)

*COST PER PROGRAM BEFORE DEDUCTIONS 1981 — 1982*

Regular Education	\$ 1,879,408	90.75%	of	\$ 2,070,917
Special Education	\$ 178,787	8.63%	of	\$ 2,070,917
Vocational	\$ 12,722	.62%	of	\$ 2,070,917

*COST PER PROGRAM BEFORE DEDUCTIONS 1980 — 1981*

Regular Education	\$ 1,872,767	90.33%	of	\$ 2,073,303
Special Education	\$ 180,159	8.69%	of	\$ 2,073,303
Vocational	\$ 20,377	.98%	of	\$ 2,073,303

# *PER PUPIL COST*

	Operating Budget After Deductions	Per Pupil Cost	No. of Pupils
1981 — 1982	\$ 1,508,453	\$ 1,832.87	823
1980 — 1981	\$ 1,391,303	\$ 1,724.04	807

# *PERCENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE*

	Before Deductions	After Deductions
1981 — 1982 Budget	\$ 2,070,917	\$ 1,508,453
1980 — 1981 Budget	\$ 2,073,303	\$ 1,391,303
Difference	<u>\$ 2,386</u>	<u>\$ 117,150</u>
	Decrease of .11%	Increase of 3.4%

COMPUTATION FOR BACKCHARGE TO DISTRICT TOWNS WHO ARE NON-MEMBERS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL  
OR TOWNS WHO SEND STUDENTS ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT

VOCATIONAL DAY ASSESSMENTS AS PER AMENDED AGREEMENT UPON BASIS OF COST FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1979-1980  
VOCATIONAL DAY PUPILS — EXPENDITURES AS OF 6-30-80

TOWN	No. of Pupils	Tuition Paid	Transp. Paid	Total Cost	Reimbursement by			Amounts Payable to M. T. R. S. D.		
					Tuition	State	Transp.	Net Tuition	Net Transp.	Total Net Assess.
Ashfield	5.47	12,309.89	12,636.72	24,946.61	3,588.21		8,279.80	8,721.68	4,356.92	13,078.60
Charlemont	7.78	17,397.75	13,996.24	31,393.99	5,103.52		9,170.58	12,294.23	4,825.66	17,119.89
Hawley	.67	733.80	511.70	1,245.50	439.51		335.24	294.29	176.46	470.75
Buckland	2.00	5,200.00	3,901.39	9,101.39	1,311.96		2,556.38	3,888.04	1,345.01	5,233.05
Totals	15.92	35,641.44	31,046.05	66,687.49	10,443.20		20,342.00	25,198.24	10,704.05	35,902.29

(Note: Number of pupils determined by the amount of time enrolled during the school year.)



# SUMMARY OF 1981 — 1982 BUDGET

Plus Vocational Bills Brokered By Mohawk (Voc. Day Assessments)

TOWN	Operating Budget	Capital Budget	1981-82 M.T.R.S.D. Budget	+	Vocational Brokering (Billing for payment to M.T.R.S.D.)	= Total
ASHFIELD	216,312.16	13,248.75	229,560.91		13,078.60	242,639.51
BUCKLAND	307,875.26	21,487.46	329,362.72		5,233.05	334,595.77
CHARLEMONT	166,834.90	11,022.07	177,856.97		17,119.89	194,976.86
COLRAIN	247,386.29	18,147.44	265,533.73		-0-	265,533.73
HAWLEY	31,074.13	3,006.02	34,080.15		470.75	34,550.90
HEATH	93,524.09	4,787.36	98,311.45		-0-	98,311.45
PLAINFIELD	80,702.24	4,564.69	85,266.93		-0-	85,266.93
ROWE	58,678.82	12,803.41	71,482.23		-0-	71,482.23
SHELburne	306,065.11	22,266.80	328,331.91		-0-	328,331.91
TOTALS	1,508,453.00	111,334.00	1,619,787.00		35,902.29	1,655,689.29

# Report of the Sanderson Academy

## School Principal

Mr. Bruce Willard  
Superintendent of Schools  
Ashfield Street  
Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Dear Mr. Willard:

I hereby submit my report as Principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1980 — 1981.

### ENROLLMENT — DECEMBER 1, 1980

K	12	9	21
1	12	8	20
2	15	16	31
3	6	18	24
4	14	18	32
5	19	21	40
6	6	12	18
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Totals	84	102	186

The faculty at Sanderson has remained at ten regular classroom teachers and one special needs teacher. Ms. Kathleen O'Donnell requested and received a years' leave of absence to pursue an advanced degree. Ms. Yolanda Zuchowski was hired for the school year. There are four shared part-time teachers. Mr. Michael Duprey and Ms. Sandra Jennings were hired for physical education and instrumental music to replace Mr. Gary Burda and Mrs. Margaret Merrigan.

The total enrollment at Sanderson remains fairly consistent. Last years' large sixth grade class was replaced by a small

incoming kindergarten. Individual classes throughout the school increased somewhat due to new enrollments. This shifting of school population during the course of the academic year has been noted for the past few years.

This year Basic Skill Criteria and Tests were developed throughout the District. Students in grades 2, 5 and 8 were tested in the areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The tests will now become a part of the regular yearly testing program for these grades. Results of the test will be shared with parents. This year criteria and tests will be developed for the areas of Listening and Speaking.

New achievement tests for Grades 3 through 6 are being evaluated and will also be implemented.

Report cards for Kindergarten through Grade 3 have been reviewed and revised. The new cards carefully follow the academic goals set for the students in each of these grades. In this way, more information on the students' progress is available to the parents.

Sanderson was awarded a National Grant for Nutrition and Dental Health for the academic year 1980 — 1981. This \$5,000 grant allows for a part-time teacher as well as materials to develop an ongoing curriculum that classroom teachers may use to supplement the regular Health Education Curriculum.

Ms. Kathleen O'Donnell accompanied 17 Sanderson students to Mexico in January, 1980. 18 Mexican students and their teacher, Miss Rosario, were here in March, 1980. The program continues to be a successful cultural exchange as viewed from both sides of the Border. Many more students would like to come each year than we can accomodate.

Individuals and organizations continue to donate funds to the school for Arts Programs. The Williamsburg Rotary Club granted the school \$500. We also received a \$200 anonymous

gift. These funds allow the school to have different artists from the various arts come into the school. The children then learn in their own school environment to appreciate and respect the arts. The Sanderson PTO is an unfailing supporter of the school, adding to playground equipment as well as scholarship money.

The loss of the bus contract after the Town Meeting last year and the necessity of contracting a new one has put the budget under a strain as the new contract was in excess of the approved budget. We hope by prudent expenditures to make up this deficit.

Constant maintenance of the building is continued throughout the school year. The updating of lighting fixtures has been continued with a result of a reduction of electrical usage. The south and east wings were painted under the Fred Cross Fund.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the faculty, staff, children, parents and citizens of the town for their unfailing support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA A. CONANT  
*Principal*

## **Sanderson Academy Library Report**

The total circulation of print and non-print material signed out of the Sanderson Academy library totalled 8,654 this year, a marked increase in the use of library resources. The 16mm film library housed at the Hawlemont School continues to supplement non-print holdings and replace costly film rentals.

The many donations to the library this year are gratefully acknowledged as are the fine services of the following volunteers: Barbara Pantermehl, Cynthia Cranston, Barbara Logoy, Gladys Howes and Marianne Hurley. Beverly Williams continues to maintain a cohesive, vital library program as part-time Library Aide.

Our annual allocation of Title IV B funds for the purchase of library materials was \$4,744 for the school districts this year. The money was used to purchase print and non-print material in the area of social studies. A special grant for \$625.05 funding a library inservice program for all district library personnel was awarded by the South Berkshire Educational Collaborative in Great Barrington. A series of workshops on such topics as Book Conservation, Excellence in Children's Literature, Nonbroadcast Video Distribution and Managing a library combined with consultants for each building provided a meaningful inservice program.

In addition to the many regular library activities a TRS 80 computer in the library and a special Dress Up as Your Favorite Storybook Character Day were supplemental library-sponsored programs. Library skills instruction were emphasized this year in grades 2, 5 and 6.

**SUSAN SILVESTER**

*Director of Instructional Media  
Mohawk Trail Regional School District  
BCS Regional School District  
Hawlemont Regional School District  
Mass. School Supt. Union No. 65*



# Ashfield School Budget

1979 — 1980

	thru Appropriation 7-01-79 6-30-80	thru Expenditure 7-01-79 6-30-80
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
School Committee Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.31
School Committee Other	138.00	168.07
Administrative Salaries	3,100.00	3,208.16
Clerical Salaries	4,458.25	4,313.00
Contracted Services — Census	200.00	198.21
Administrative Travel	420.75	264.56
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<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 8,327.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,160.31</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>		
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 2,324.00	\$ 1,923.00
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	827.00	-0-
Contracted Services — Curriculum	500.00	500.00
Supervisors' Other Expense	200.00	200.00
Principal's Salary	17,000.00	16,993.93
Principal's Clerical	6,395.00	5,737.11
Principal's Supplies & Material	285.00	180.94
Principal's Other Expense	230.00	370.62
Teachers' Salaries	142,047.00	135,954.72
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	1,600.00	1,550.00
Teacher Aides	5,329.00	5,816.24
Contracted Services — Field Trip	400.00	325.00
Instruction Supplies	6,695.00	7,280.44
Other Expenses	500.00	604.54
Textbooks	700.00	107.67
Library Aide	2,775.00	1,950.97
Materials & Supplies	590.00	840.58
Audio-Visual Supplies	300.00	284.52
Audio-Visual Other Expense	60.00	22.64
Guidance Testing Supplies	250.00	237.15
Other Expense — Scoring	75.00	101.47
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<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 189,082.00</b>	<b>\$ 180,925.50</b>

**OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES**

Attendance Officer — Other Expense	\$ 20.00	\$ -0-
Health Salaries — School Physician	200.00	200.00
Health Salaries — School Nurse	-0-	208.00
Health Supplies	40.00	26.79
Pupil Transportation — Contracted	32,220.00	30,268.43
Cafeteria Salaries	2,800.00	2,800.00
Student Body Activities	200.00	200.00
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<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 35,480.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,663.22</b>

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Custodial Salary	\$ 11,267.00	\$ 11,266.47
Custodial Supplies	1,600.00	3,033.90
Heating	10,500	12,836.88
Utilities	6,900.00	6,724.01
Maintenance of Grounds — Contracted	550.00	144.00
Maintenance of Grounds — Supplies	80.00	2.50
Maintenance of Building — Contracted	4,600.00	2,282.32
Maintenance of Building — Supplies	750.00	586.88
Maintenance of Equipment — Contracted	800.00	286.81
Maintenance of Equipment — Supplies	400.00	134.29
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<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 37,447.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,298.06</b>

**FIXED CHARGES**

Insurance	\$ 633.00	\$ 947.73
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<b>TOTAL FIXED CHARGES</b>	<b>\$ 633.00</b>	<b>\$ 947.73</b>

**ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS**

New Equipment	\$ 600.00	\$ 990.61
Replacement of Equipment	700.00	2,017.97
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<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,008.58</b>

**PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS**

Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 3,735.00
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<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,735.00</b>

<b>REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET-SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 274,669.00</b>	<b>\$ 267,738.40</b>
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**SPECIAL EDUCATION — INSTRUCTION**

Special Education — Teachers' Salaries	\$ 11,889.00	\$ 13,478.70
Special Education — Substitute Teachers	100.00	112.50
Special Education — Teacher Aides	522.00	710.09
Special Education — Contracted Services	500.00	-0-
Special Education — Instruction Supplies	500.00	512.19
Special Education — Other Expense	140.00	450.61
Special Education Textbooks	100.00	6.25
Special Education — Guidance Supplies	-0-	10.65
Special Education — Psychological Salaries	6,912.00	2,712.50
Special Education — Psych. Contracted Services	650.00	2,294.73
Special Education — Psychological Supplies	100.00	124.34
Special Education — Other Expense	150.00	7.28

<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION — SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 21,563.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,419.84</b>
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**SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL SERVICES**

Special Education — Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,671.39
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<b>TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES - SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,671.39</b>
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**SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS**

Special Education — Tuition to Other School District	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,611.41
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<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS — OTHER DISTRICTS — SPECIAL ED.</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,611.41</b>
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<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET — SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,063.00</b>	<b>\$ 33,702.64</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 306,732.00</b>	<b>\$ 301,441.04</b>
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**SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING FUND**

Balance on hand, July 1, 1979	\$ 2,363.81
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**Receipts:**

Adult Lunch Sales	\$ 1,201.32	
Student Lunch Sales	6,905.51	
Other Receipts	41.64	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursements	11,598.11	
Meal Tax	63.23	
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		\$ 22,173.62

Expenses:

Food	\$ 12,014.28	
Labor	8,359.75	
Supplies	1,416.00	
Meal Tax	63.52	
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Balance on hand, June 30, 1980	\$	320.07
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**MUSIC REVOLVING FUND**

Balance on hand, July 1, 1979	\$	336.65
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Receipts: Rental of Instruments		110.00
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	\$	446.65

Expenses: Purchase of Instrument		50.00
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Balance on hand, June 30, 1980	\$	396.65
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# Fiscal 1981

The following is a true copy of the Appropriations made at the Annual Town Meeting held on **April 5, 1980**:

Ambulance Maintenance Fund		
Transfer of 1979 Earnings, Gifts & Interest		2,360.36
Ashfield Historical Society	161.80	
Assessors' Expenses	4,500.00	
Belding Memorial Library	4,500.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	7,000.00	
Bonds	600.00	
Building Inspector Program	2,543.40	
Care of Soldiers Graves	350.00	
Chapter 480 — Fiscal 1980 (\$22,474-Free Cash)	7,500.00	22,474.00
Chapter 497 — General Highway Fund	26,000.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Dump	5,300.00	
Elections	700.00	
Fires & Equipment	5,988.00	
Health, Board of	100.00	
Heating — Town Hall & Fire Station	2,500.00	
Highway Dept. — New Pickup & Plow	12,000.00	
Highway Dept. — Paid Vacations & Holidays	4,750.00	
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	1,700.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Insurance — Public Official Liability	1,800.00	
Insurance — Town Buildings & Equipment	7,000.00	
Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor	2,000.00	
Machinery Expenses	25,000.00	
Machinery Earnings as of June 30, 1980		
Transfer to Machinery Expenses		3,818.58
Memorial Day	350.00	
Mental Health & Retardation Services	1,274.00	
Nurses Association	3,000.00	
Office — Clerical (Free Cash)		10,400.00
Office — Clerical (Free Cash)		2,500.00
Parks & Beach, Maintenance	1,200.00	
Parks & Beach, Fencing-Tennis Courts	1,200.00	
Parks & Beach, Bathhouse	1,666.00	
Planning Board Expenses	250.00	



Police Chief's Salary	14,650.00	
Police Department	8,000.00	
Registrars of Voters	250.00	
Rent of Hydrants	702.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,500.00
Retirement System, Franklin County	16,872.00	
Schools:		
Ashfield Public Schools	338,528.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional School	223,690.87	
Street Lights	3,200.00	
Street Lists	350.00	
Tax Collector's Expenses (Free Cash)		1,500.00
Tax-Mapping (Fred Cross Fund — \$5,000.00; Stabilization Fund — \$5,548.91; Revenue Sharing — \$16,851.09)		27,400.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	700.00	
Town Counsel	2,000.00	
Town Hall	2,500.00	
Town Officers	7,300.00	
Town Reports & Ballots	1,800.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	500.00	
Tree Warden	2,500.00	
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	2,868.86	
Winter Roads	40,000.00	
Workmen's Compensation (Free Cash)		5,600.00
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	\$ 801,369.93	\$ 78,552.94
<b>Special Meeting, June 10, 1980</b>		
Solid Waste Transfer Station	41,000.00	
<b>Special Meeting, October 29, 1980</b>		
General Highway Fund —		
Appropriation from Free Cash		15,000.00
Town Hall Steeple repair —		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		4,700.00
Interest on Loans —		
Appropriation from Free Cash		1,900.000
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	\$ 842,369.93	\$ 100,152.94

ATTEST:

ELEANOR M. WARD  
Town Clerk

# TOWN WARRANT

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### NOTE:

The following sums of money, those recommended by the Finance Committee, are considered to be the necessary amounts to defray town charges for Fiscal 1982. These amounts, however, will be subject to various degrees of reduction if the Town has to meet the requirements imposed by Chapter 580 (Proposition 2½). This warrant appears as a matter of information only. The **Official Town Warrant** may contain changes and-or additions.

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the fourth day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:-

**ART. 1.** To choose a Moderator, Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer and Tree Warden, each for One Year. One Selectman and Board of Public Health Member, One Assessor, One Member of the Sanderson School Committee and One Park Commissioner, each for Three Years. One Member of the Planning

Board and One Library Trustee, each for Five Years. All on one ballot and to chose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 6:00 P.M.

**ART. 2.** To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

**ART. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 to operate and maintain the Transfer Station, or act relative thereto.  
(Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of \$20,000.00 in anticipation of 100% reimbursement under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, as amended, and transfer into a General Highway Fund, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$9,032.00 to be used in conjunction with any monies allotted by the State under Chapter 329, Acts of 1980, or act relative thereto.  
(Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of \$27,094.00 under the provisions of Chapter 329, Acts of 1980, per fiscal 1981 contract with the State, in anticipation off 100% reimbursement, or act relative thereto.  
(Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws with respect to the Finance Committee as follows: "The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members and shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, C. 39, §16. The Town, at the Annual Town Meeting, may appoint the Selectmen and Assessors to serve as the Finance Committee," or act relative thereto.

**ART. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws with respect to the Finance Committee as follows: "The Finance Committee shall consist of five (5) members and shall have all of the powers and duties set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, C. 39, §16. Upon adoption of this By-Law, the members of the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Town Moderator, the term of each member to run until the 1982 Town Election. With the Town Election in 1982, members will be elected as follows: two members for three years; two members for two years; and one member for one year. Thereafter, members shall be elected for a three-year term," or act relative thereto.

**ART. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the following accounts for the 1982 Fiscal Year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee.

Assessors' Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	8,000.00
Bonds	600.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	350.00
Elections	250.00

<b>Fires &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>5,848.00</b>
Health, Board of	100.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	3,500.00
Highway Department:	
Paid Vacations & Holidays	5,100.00
Sick Leave	1,820.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance — Town Bldgs. & Equip.	8,600.00
Insurance — Public Official Liability	1,800.00
Memorial Day	350.00
Office — Clerical	11,130.00
Office Expenses	3,000.00
Planning Board Expenses	500.00
Registrars	250.00
Retirement System, F.C.	20,441.00
Street Lights	3,400.00
Street Lists	250.00
Tax Collector's Expenses	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Expenses	650.00
Town Counsel	2,500.00
Town Hall	2,500.00
Town Officers	7,300.00
Town Reports & Ballots	2,000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	400.00
Tree Warden	2,700.00
Unemployment Compensation	1,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	2,418.11
Workmen's Compensation	7,000.00

**ART. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of



the financial year beginning July 1, 1981, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year , and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

**ART. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,750.00 for Park & Beach Operations and Maintenance, or act relative thereto. (Sum of \$1,400 recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for a Lifeguard and Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach, or act relative thereto. (Sum of \$2,140 recommended by the Finance Committee)

**ART. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to repair and renovate the "old Bath House", or act relative thereto. (Not recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate the sum of 675.00 for that purpose. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned Equipment and-or property, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the 1982 Fiscal Year

Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the balance of the Machinery Earnings as of June 30, 1981 and transfer to the 1982 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1980 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts (\$3,107.11) to the 1981 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Town's share of the Visiting Nurse & Health Services in Franklin County, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury

a sum of money to purchase a new Police Cruiser, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$15,676.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to be used for the general operations of the Police Department, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and-or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,500.00 for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library, and to accept any State or Federal aid, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$242,639.51 (Vocational, \$13,078.60; Capital, \$13,248.75; Operating, \$216,312.16) to pay the Town's share of the Fiscal 1982 capital cost, operating and vocational budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$324,777.00 for the support of public schools, or act relative thereto.

**ART. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of

the Director of Civil Defense, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,247.25 to pay Ashfield's Share of the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

**ART. 31.** (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$192.71 to reimburse The Ashfield Historical Society, Inc. for one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Real Estate Tax paid by the Society in 1980.

EDWARD W. SCOTT  
RALPH L. HOWES  
RUSSELL FESSENDEN  
**Board of Selectmen**





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